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T H E R E A S O N W H Y .

Washington, D. C., 1904.

To my Friends:

Recently looking over files of old letters, that had been accumulating since 1850, with the intention of destroying them, I was surprised to find that many of them are of historic value both to the Presbyterian Church, and to the Country, and therefore worthy of preservation.

A number of the letters are written with poor ink which is fading and will soon be illegible. Others are written with a lead pencil on an inferior quality of paper, which is falling to pieces, and all of the earlier letters were written at a time when copying with a letter-press was rare.

To rescue and preserve these records of the activity of a church working to build up a Christian civilization west of the Mississippi River, it became necessary to copy the original letters, by typewriting, and then press-copy the typewriting. This has now been done.

As the letters have filled over eight thousand typewritten pages, it was no small undertaking. Twenty-seven typewriters were employed for longer or shorter periods. The larger number had other work and copied these letters when off duty in order to increase their income. They represented all grades of workmanship, good, bad and indifferent. Consequently many mistakes were made, which I have tried in the limited time at my disposal to correct.

In some letters the writing was so bad or ink so poor, that the best of typewriters could not make them out and I have been surprised at the patience and skill manifested by some of them in deciphering illegible scrawls. (I doubt if some of the writers themselves, could now make out their own letters).

If I could have had sufficient time, without neglecting more important work, I would have edited the letters and eliminated personal and private matters. It was to reproduce them in their original form, or not at all and I chose the original form.

In that form they give a true picture with the lights and shadows of the every day life of the heroic, God-fearing men and women, who with great self-denial, much suffering and many tribulations laid the foundations of Christian institutions and Christian states west of the Mississippi River.

In this connection I regret to say that previous to 1885, my own letters were also sent out uncopied and can not now be

gathered up.

My correspondence since that time, has been copied into letter press books, 20 volumes of which contain my private, and 42 volumes, my official letters as United States General Agent of Education in Alaska. These official volumes are the property of the U. S. Bureau of Education.

The 20 volumes of my private letters, together with the original letters received by me since 1858 (as far as preserved) will be deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society located at Philadelphia. Of the two or three copies made of the original letters received, one set will be deposited in the Congressional Library, Washington, one in the Library of Princeton Theological Seminary, and one in the Library of Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Additional information concerning the same work is contained in a series of scrap books, kept by myself since 1859, of which there are 21 volumes on Alaska (including 3 on the introduction of domestic reindeer into Alaska), Arizona 1, California, 1; Colorado, 3; Iowa, 1; Kansas, 1; Minnesota, 2; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 1; New Mexico, 4; Pueblos of New Mexico and Arizona, 2; Utah, 6 (including 3 on the Westminster College), Utah and Wyoming, 1; Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, 1; and 2 volumes of certificates of membership in various societies, appointments and other personal matters. These 48 volumes of scrap books will be given to the Presbyterian Historical Society, with the exception of the three volumes on Westminster College, which will be given to that institution.

Other information of my work in Alaska is contained in "Alaska and Missions on the North Pacific Coast" Published by Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, 1880. "Among the Alaskans" by Julia McNair Wright, Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, 1883, and "Life in Alaska" by Mrs. Eugene S. Willard, (Edited by Mrs. Eva McClintock) 1884, Published by Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia. "The Rainbow's End Alaska" by Miss Alice Palmer Henderson, Chicago, 1898. "Doyle's Presbyterian Home Missions" pp. 99 - 136 and 195 - 224; Published by Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, 1902. National Geographic Magazine, Washington, D. C., Vol. 7, pp. 27-31. (1896), and Vol. 14, April, 1903, pp. 126-147. Smithsonian Report for 1902, Washington, D.C., pp. 613-623; Southern Workman, Vol. 33, April, 1904, pp. 209-215, Hampton, Va. "Our Western Archipelago", pp. 141-150, Scribner Bros., New York, 1895; "Musings by Camp Fire and Way Side", pp. 207-264, F. H. Revell & Co., Chicago; "Truth about Alaska". "The Land of Gold", pp. 163-181, 193-197, by Eugene McElwaine, 1901; "Our Day", Vol. 18, January, pp. 13-17, Chicago, 1898; "Temperance in Alaska" Published in "Standard Encyclopedia of Temperance and Prohibition" Chicago.

Also, in my nineteen annual reports on "Education in Alaska" Published in the Annual Reports of the U. S. Commissioner of Education, (1885-1904) and fourteen annual reports on the "Introduction of Domestic Reindeer into Alaska" published by the

United States Senate (1891-1904).

Additional information concerning my work in Alaska and other fields, will be found in the following publications. "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". A Monthly Missionary paper owned and edited by myself at Denver, Colorado, (1872-1882), "The North Star", a monthly missionary paper which I published at Sitka, Alaska, (1887-1892). "Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions", pages 1036-37, in "Presbyterian Encyclopedia", published at Philadelphia, 1884. "Among the Pimas", p.47, Pub. by Ladies Union Mission School Association, Albany, 1893; "Pioneering in the San Juan", Revell & Co., Chicago and New York, 1899.

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Trusting that these letters may preserve the memory and deeds of the faithful men and women, who, during the last half of the nineteenth century, amid much hardship and constant self-denial, labored to establish churches and Christian institutions among the pioneers of the Western half of the United States; and through the record of their missionary zeal, kindle the enthusiasm and provoke to good works coming generations of Christian young men and women; and furnish future historians with many facts concerning the beginnings of the Church in that vast region, that would otherwise have been lost sight of, and lead to a clearer understanding of some of the causes which have produced such large results in the establishment of strong Christian churches and healthful public sentiment, is the earnest wish and prayer of one, who has through the abundant grace of God, been permitted to be a part of the work for half a century.

Your fellow worker in the Lord.

Sheldon Jackson.

1871.

January 1, 1871.

New York Evangelist.

Dear Brother:

Will you be so kind as to insert the following communication into your columns. While it is an appeal for a particular locality it is a type of many cases in this distant region.

An eastern Presbyterian has seen their children leave the family altar and parental roof for these distant western homes they should follow them with Christian privileges. But those children cannot have among them the presence of Christian ministers, nor enjoy Christian privileges except as they are provided with houses of worship.

I am well acquainted with the condition of things at Laramie and know that if we fail there, we practically say to the world that the Presbyterian Church is unable and unwilling to give the gospel to the rising settlements along the Pacific Rail Road for hundreds of miles.

So much of the Memorial Fund seems to be appropriated to eastern educational institutions, chapels and manses, that Christ's homeless churches on the frontier are in danger of being left out in the cold. "I am faint and sick at heart with hope deferred", writes a Missionary.

The song of thanksgiving that went up from Christian hearts along the frontier as the announcement was made that a million should be raised for the erection of church buildings in the new sections is giving place to a despondency and gloom.

A reaction is taking place, as they hear of the memorial fund being so largely absorbed by eastern chapels, manses, and educational institutions. This together with the inability of the Board of Church Erection to afford needed help is causing many a devoted Missionary to prayerfully canvass the question whether they must not relinquish their frontier field and leave the foundations unlaied. When shall these extremities feel the Christian warmth of the Great Presbyterian body and thus realize the oneness of the Church and the fellowship of the disciples?

Sheldon Jackson.

Georgetown, Colorado, ----- 1871.

Brother Jackson:

I propose to "fight" Presbytery on that matter of dedication here in hopes to vindicate the right and save the church. And with only the kindest feelings toward you, I yet feel called upon to single you out in this matter. So far as my information now goes I believe that had it not been for you and brother Stewart we would have been spared this infliction.

Affectionately your Brother,
D. H. Mitchell.

Corinne, Utah, January 3, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

A Happy New Year to you and yours. During its course may you be much blessed in your spiritual and temporal interests.

Yours of the 25th ult. came safely to hand but I have been prevented from answering it before by a multiplicity of business. On the 25th of December at a private meeting held in E. P. Johnson's office for the purpose of taking into consideration the great need of an educational institute superior to anything at present existing in this Territory it was decided on motion that we elect the officers in connection with a college to be started at this point to be known as "The Utah Presbyterian College."

I was elected President, you as Chairman of the Board of Directors, with the following associates: Rev. H. M. Scudder, D.D., San Francisco; Rev. Arthur Swezey, D.D., Chicago; Rev. Jno Hall, D.D., New York, and Rev. Thomas Guthrie, D.D., Edinburgh, Scotland.

A Board of Trustees was also elected as follows: Dr. Graham, Chairman; E. P. Johnson, Secretary; Nat Stein, Treasurer; Judge C. M. Hawley and W. N. Ellis.

E. P. Johnson was elected attorney and Dr. Graham attending physician. We start with an authorized capital of \$25,000 \$10,000 of which shall be raised previous to laying the corner stone. As there is no Incorporate Act in this Territory application is to be made to Congress for incorporation.

I was appointed the financial agent.

Now in answer to your objections to my starting out at the present time, allow me to say:

1. I am in correspondence with a Brother Minister about taking my place during my absence, and in the event of his non compliance I shall try and get Brother Brown of Elko to preach here every alternate Sabbath. If I waited until spring it would be disastrous to the cause in view, i.e. the winter and early spring is the only favorable time for lecturing in this country. The Catholics are reconnoitering for the purpose of starting a convent here next season --- so forewarned is forearmed.

II. I do not intend making the effort in connection with or among the churches at all. It is a popular lecture to be delivered before promiscuous audiences for which 50 cents will be charged as admission fee. My effort will be as interesting and weighty as I can possibly make it. I have lots of material, a good proportion of which is now to work upon, for a month's labor has been already expended upon it.

I am very much obliged for the "good food" in your article. I should have sent you the Interior containing my letter but presumed you had it.

In much Christian love I am dear Brother,

Yours in Christ,

Edward E. Bayliss.

P. S. Would you kindly send me a letter of indorsement of the object in view? E.E.B.

Pueblo, Colorado, January 4, 1871.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

We received your letter and Mr. Lowther thought best I should answer it. I intended writing last week but owing to a good many friends being here during the holidays I did not find time.

In regard to our church in this place, we do not seem to be making any progress whatever. It is rather a delicate subject to speak of, as I do not wish to find fault with Mr. Adams, for I believe him to be a very good man, but the trouble is he seems to lack the requisite energy to build up a church. Perhaps it is partly owing to his poor health, though he seems to be pretty well now, and I know Mrs. Adams does not wish him to preach. I have heard her say so,---both of which would be discouraging to him. We have no place to hold preaching. Mr. Adams I believe did apply for the Court House but was told that the Clerk of the Court was going to have his office there. However the Catholics get it once a month. Mr Irvine expects to be down the last of this week, perhaps when he comes something may be done to establish regular preaching. Mr. Adams preached on Christmas day in the Methodist Church, as he told me, to fill the appointment made by a Cumberland Presbyterian Minister that passed through here some time ago. The Baptists are to have preaching once a month in the Methodist Church, and it seems too bad that we have no regular preaching with a minister living in town. There has never been any notice in the paper when Mr. Adams did preach, consequently no one knew anything about it, while the others give due notice. There are a great many strangers coming into town and quite a number of new buildings going up, and the town gives promise of being quite a place after awhile (at least we

all hope so) and it is discouraging the way things look in regard to the Presbyterian church. Different persons at different times have told me they would attend Presbyterian preaching if there was any. Though I do not know of any members of the Presbyterian Church that have come to town to remain. I was up to see Mrs. Jamison to see what she thought in regard to the church. She thinks it discouraging but thinks Mr Adams is not able to preach much. She told me that she had written a letter to a United Presbyterian Minister now in Denver by the name of Mc Farlane, to come down here and see if he could not start a church. I thought I would mention the circumstance to you. She says Mr. Adams has never been to see her yet.

I am sorry you did not get down to see us. I was hoping that you would come and start us up again. I do most earnestly desire to see a Presbyterian Church established here and still hope something will be done. Should anything occur we will let you know.

Dr. Lowther sends his kind regards.

Respectfully yours,

E. Annie Lowther.

Cheyenne, Wyoming Ter., January 6, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I arrived here yesterday and was sorry to learn that from the absence of all the male members of the church save one that is tied up to the telegraph wires, Brother Lowrie was not provided for as he should have been. Had I known before I left that he would be here (I supposed he had probably gone to some other field), I should have made some arrangement for him before leaving.

I received a letter from Dr. Dickson while in Iowa, stating that the Board had granted me an additional \$500 on my present year, and requesting me to return and spend as much of the remainder of the year as possible at Greeley, and report to them my impressions of the field, &c. I have sent an appointment there for next Sabbath a week, if the house can be had for that time, and shall spend some time in visitation while there.

Is there any one now preaching at Black Hawk? I saw Keizer at his father's while in Iowa. He has not had any charge since he left Montana (Iowa) but has been spending his time in the University. I think he would go to Black Hawk if he could be supported there. He spent some time there a few years ago while among the mountains for his health, and I suppose is somewhat acquainted there. His father is quite anxious for him to go there, as he thinks his health would be improved.

I wish you would see Fisher and get me a pass or half-fare

ticket on the Denver Pacific and send it to me at once, as I shall wish to go to Greeley next week. Can you assist me at a Communion on the last Sabbath of this month?

The Board have not decided anything definitely as to the coming year. Dr. Dickson intimates that that will depend somewhat upon my report to them of the field. He says the Board are disposed to assist me "as far and as long as our means will allow." Consequently I deemed it best to return and finish up my year without my family.

My best regards to Mrs. Jackson and Brother Lowrie, if he is still at Denver. If his expenses were not paid here I should like to know how much was lacking.

Yours fraternally,
W. G. Kephart.

New York, January 6, 1871.

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 16th ult. came duly to hand.

I regret extremely the error that I made in your address. Your letter was not at hand when I wrote you last and I had forgotten the change in your postoffice. When you desire to pay off the mortgage notify me and if in my power I will aid you in the effort.

I think I am entitled to a fee for advice about the dog. In response to your appeal about the missionaries enclosed find check for \$150. Your old friend B. G. Clark sends \$50. As yet his eyes are blinded. Do not let the recipients of his kindness fail to pray for his conversion. Many are united before the throne in this behalf.

Yours truly,
Wm. . . Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

Pueblo, Colorado, January 8, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Yours came by yesterday's coach. I answer immediately. Inclosed you will find a letter from Rev. Dickson, D.D., from this it seems he does not know we have a church organization here. Now please tell me, 1st, can you visit us this month? We need your counsel and aid in arranging matters in working order. If you can not come then what course had I better pursue in reference to perfecting our organization? I had a talk with Dr. Irvine last week and he thinks you should visit us right

away if possible; also that we should take no steps in the way of perfecting the organization without your presence. Probably he is right.

I must say in reference to my health and the opinion that Brother Hamilton and Lowrie have of my condition, that I am very much worse than the physicians say; or that the brethren are mistaken as to my condition. I know I am much stronger and better every way than when I was in the mountains.

May I hope to hear from you this week? I am as ever
Yours in the best bonds,
George S. Adams.

New York, January 10, 1871.

My Dear Brother Jackson:

Your application for Idaho Springs got here just in time to be acted upon by our Board which met yesterday. Notwithstanding the state of our funds, we went to the extreme limit of our law which binds us not to give more than one-third of the entire cost of the church, counting the cost of the lot with that of the proposed building makes \$4,300. The Board voted \$1400. In the hope that they can either reduce the expense of building or obtain from some other source the needful to complete the building, I send a blank mortgage to be executed certified and recorded before it is returned.

I hope your new home proves more healthful than it did at first and that you are prospered in your work.

Yours fraternally,
H. R. Wilson.

Elko, Nevada, January 10, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The box you sent me containing tracts, shirts, etc., was duly received and I am very much obliged to you for them. The tracts I have nearly all distributed among miners at Eureka, Mineral Hill, Palisade, etc., on a late preaching tour to this town. The clothing all suit first rate, but I am afraid the tailors East will not understand much about my size from the measurement which I sent you in my last.

Our communion season will be on the first Sabbath of next month and we would all enjoy your presence with us very much, but I am afraid we need not look for you. I have failed to get a pass for you from Mr. Gillet; or rather I have failed to ask it. He has been reprovved from headquarters a few weeks ago for giving so many free passes, and when I learned so I could not muster courage enough to ask another favor from him. Should

you come you may rest assured you will be well taken care of while here, and possibly have your fare paid back at least. Our congregations just now are large. During the last three Sunday nights our church was quite full. Everything is encouraging.

What about the five million fund? Do you think you can get us some help? I hope you can. I feel that the people here have done their utmost. We have \$500 to pay on the first day of February and unless we get before then what was promised us by the church erection society, I don't know what we shall do. The Sheriff may turn us out of doors. I have written to New York about it but no reply yet. If you have occasion to write soon will you mention our case to Dr. Wilson?

Yours fraternally,
John Brown.

El Paso, Texas, January 11, 1871.

Rev. and Dear Sir:

I was in Pueblo last Saturday and learned that Mr. Adams had declared his intention to organize a Presbyterian church on the strength of an order to that effect received by him from the East. I thought this a strange proceeding as I understood that you had already formed such an organization on February 27, 1870.

I found the rool book containing the members' names, in care of Mrs. Lowther. I went to see Mr. Adams and learned that he had not been previously aware of the existence of such a book. He said that his orders to organize and get trustees elected had come from the Board in Philadelphia. I advised him to take no steps in the matter until he had consulted you. Those who take the warmest interest in the Presbyterian cause in Pueblo have expressed themselves much dissatisfied with the course pursued by Mr. Adams since his arrival in the place.

I am fully persuaded that the interests of our church in Pueblo urgently demand your presence there at your earliest possible convenience. I am

Yours truly,
John Irvine.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

Chicago, Ill., January 14, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The Idaho application is received; also the endorsed application of Laramie church, and will do my best to get the needed

aid for each of these churches. Am glad you had the Laramie application inserted in the Evangelist. Think some one will be drawn toward it and will finally be led to adopt it. There are two parties in New York whom I am in hopes will share the \$2,000 yet needed. Am trying to bring this about.

I have a picture of Idaho which may aid me in presenting that enterprise. These amounts are larger than those generally asked for which makes it more difficult to get parties to take them. Of course it is necessarily so in the Territories.

What do you think of Georgetown? Won't the little church built there naturally drop into our hands after a little by paying the \$600 claim on it? The leading members of the church seemed to think so when I saw them. Glad to do anything in my power to aid these little churches.

Enclosed is my circular recently sent out.

Yours truly,
A. G. Ruliffson.

Applications are very numerous.

Chicago, Ill., January 14, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your application is received properly endorsed and I shall do everything in my power to bring about aid for it. Have great hope of success.

There are two parties in New York whom I am going to try to have take the \$2,000 and share it between them. If they do not, I will try others. Will report any success to you.

Your Brother in Christ,
A. G. Ruliffson.

Doylestown, Pa., January 14, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

The Presbyterian Sunday School sends you \$15.00 desiring you to forward it to some needy Missionary. Please receipt and let me know to whom you have sent the same.

Yours truly,
J. S. Du Bois,
Superintendent of Sunday School.

Las Vegas, New Mexico, January 14, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

First, Did you receive a short letter from me a few weeks ago in response to your previous one, in which you had informed us of the death of your little one, and had also asked one or two questions.

Second, Do yiu think you could put me in the way of getting a few materials for building, nails, putty, glass, paint, and castings for window frames, betwen this and spring or early summer? Think we must begin here pretty soon. If we do something here soon I am pretty well satisfied we shall do a great work by the blessing of God. And I think the alternative of doing something or doing nothing ought to be decided at an early day.

How are you all now? Well I hope. We are pretty well. We wrote to Miss Condit of Oswego but have heard nothing.

May I not hear from you? Mrs. Annin joins in kindest love to Mrs. Jackson and all.

Yours most truly in gospel labors,
J. A. Annin.

P. S . What is the present aspect and condition of the five million fund, &c.? Are all the brethren getting all they have written for? I hope so I am sure. I judge that, though in one sense it is going to be a success in another sense it will be a great failure. J. A. A.

Black Hawk, Colorado, January 18, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I do not like to trouble you as I suppose you have enough of your own, but as you may be in correspondence with the Board I thought I would just inform you that I have not yet received my commission, and I am in danger of being placed in circumstances of great embarrassment. What I receive from the church here would scarcely bear the current expenses for that part of my family that are with me even if my expenses here had been borne.

I would here say that I am thus far greatly encouraged in my work. Our congregations have increased in numbers and our Sabbath School has nearly doubled. The prayer meeting too shows a good degree of interest and I do hope that the work of the Lord will go forward. But it is too early to be able to judge as to the real state of matters. I presume brother Mitchell gave you information in regard to the work in Central. Should the work there deepen and widen no doubt it would reach us here. And it seems quite important for our field to be supported both by the fostering care of the church and by the presence of the Holy Spirit, at the present time, as there is a prospect of three very important mines being opened in the spring, or rather re-worked, and this will add some fifteen hundred to our population, while it will demand double exertion on the part of

God's people.

I was quite in hopes that you would stop here on your way to Georgetown. Try and spend a Sabbath with us here soon. If you desire a rest day we will put no burden upon you save for your counsel and your prayers.

My wife joins me in love to yourself and Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Yours in the gospel,
Wm. E. Hamilton.

P.S. As your correspondence is so extensive I would not take it amiss to receive no answer from this, but do try and come up. Brother Mead and wife as well as ourselves will be glad to see you. We are not in a condition to sleep you, but we could eat you, and there are others to do the rest.

New York City, January 17, 1871.

My dear Sir:

I am authorized to write and through you offer to the Laramie church two thousand dollars additional, making in all three thousand dollars on the following conditions:

1. The church and congregation at Laramie shall raise a sum not less than one thousand dollars toward the erection of the church.
2. The plan of the church, the contracts for building, and in general the whole outlay to be submitted to you and to have your approval.
3. The amount of (\$3000) three thousand dollars subscribed here is either to be made secure to the interest of the Presbyterian church by vesting the title in the Assembly Board of Church Erection or by giving this Board a mortgage for that amount without interest.
4. The building is to be a plain strong building on good foundation and the name is to be The Union Presbyterian Church.
5. Two thousand dollars of this amount to be paid on July 1st, 1871, the other thousand is payable at my discretion which I should conform to your suggestions.

I hasten to lay before you this offer and will only add that the donor wishes no name mentioned in connection with the gift. But the donor is very anxious that the building should go up with as little delay as possible, consistent with securing a good edifice. I may add that the money is to come from a source beyond all possibility of failure. If desirable the written engagement to pay the two thousand on July 1st will be sent on. Please let me know as soon as you can what the Laramie people will do. It is desirable to enlist them in the work as

such as possible.

Yours most truly,
266 Lexington Avenue.) J. O. Murray.

January 20, 1871.

Rev. W. C. Harding,
Denver, Colorado:

Brother Cleland has sent me your letter of October 21st. In reply would say that when you passed Truckee, Nevada, you passed beyond the point at which I agreed to assist you at all. It is true I had no official jurisdiction over Nevada, but a friend of mine who had visited and become interested in Truckee and offered to furnish me with funds to keep a missionary at that point and I presume the Synod of the Pacific would not object to my paying the expense of a missionary for them. My friend would give for Truckee and no where else. If you had remained there your traveling expenses would have been paid, and if the Board had refused commission your support would have been provided for by private party. The same is true of Utah.

Now the funds entrusted to me were by private parties, and personal friends, and were given to me for special and distinct field and I had no right to appropriate them to any other. Funds given for Utah could not be appropriated to California any more than the Home Board could support missionaries in Africa. I agreed to pay for Utah or Truckee for I had funds for those places, but not California. Consequently when you went on to California my obligations ceased and it was your part to return me the \$100 advanced for the work in Utah or Nevada which you never performed. Brother Cleland also knew that when the subject was alluded to it was understood between us that you were to repay the \$200. You write that I acquiesced in the change. I did it as I always do with brethren, I allow them to choose their own fields. If they go to fields where I agree to see them paid I pay them; if they go to other fields I have no responsibility to pay them. For instance, I say to a brother, go to Utah and I will be responsible for your support. He goes not being satisfied with the field goes on to Oregon. I am ready to bid him God Speed in Oregon but am not responsible for his support there. If I advance him money for work in Utah and he goes to Oregon he is under obligation to return the money, because not doing the work in Utah for which he received money. So I bade you God Speed at Los Angeles but am in no way responsible for your support there. Have never gathered funds for general work except when under Dr. Musgrave three months.

Funds that come into my hands were special and devoted to special objects and particular sections. I, too, could speak of privations. I might say in the same light that you accuse me of causing sickness and even death in your family that the want of the hundred dollars which I advanced you so reduced my

family that we too for a season had to do without the necessaries of life, and when a few months ago we lost our child I had to borrow money to cover funeral expenses. But the past cannot be recalled. I agreed to pay one half of the \$300; sent Cleland \$50 January 21, 1871, and offered to pay any interest up to this time.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson.

New York, January 20, 1871.

Dear Brother Bayliss:

Yours of January 6th is before us. In reply we would say, We commissioned you for a year and paid your expenses to Corinne expecting you to remain at least a year. We shall feel greatly dissatisfied if you do not.

At the end of a year if you go away it is none of our business, but it will probably kill the church. Beyond that we may have nothing to say. But we are so clear in our judgment that you ought to stay at Corinne and that any effort to raise funds for a university at this time will so surely fail that we probably should not be willing to commission you again. Your lecture will not bring enough money to pay for your salt.

Arnold is to have his money for the church, I hear.

Our advice is most emphatic stick to your preaching, and let the University alone! You can't do anything in six months; you can't do anything with it this year any way.

Yours truly
H. Kendall.

The above is a correct copy.

Edward W. Bayliss.

Corinne, Utah,

July 7th, 1871.

New York, January 20, 1871.

Dear Brother:

It gives me great pleasure to send you the enclosed check for fifty dollars that you may dispose of if in such a manner as shall bring most profit to the cause of our Lord.

May I ask as a return that you will remember my case at the Throne of Mercy, that I may receive those things from our Heavenly Father which shall best fit me for His service.

At this time the World looks very bright and the wants of my business are pressing hard. Will you pray that my soul's growth may not be checked by them.

I also long very much that I may love my Bible more and that it may become more and more the guide of my life.

Will you plead also that this may be granted?

If God in his providence will give me these blessings in answer to your prayers I shall feel more than ten times repaid.

Your brother in faith,

Frank L. Janeway.

P. S. Father wishes me to say that A. A. Smith is in Council Bluffs, Iowa. F. L. J.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

5 Monroe Building, Chicago, Ill.
January 23, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter in reference to Idaho receiving aid from church Erection is received. Glad to have them do it as we are almost overwhelmed with applications. The remaining \$500 I will do what I can to provide for. Have sent you a few of my circulars, as you desire, which I would gladly have you use among eastern friends to get aid for any of those churches you represent? I know you will do all you can in this direction.

Enclosed are some specimens of the blanks, circulars, etc. adapted to the remainder of the year, which I am providing for churches in this vicinity now commencing their work. I need not explain them to you as you will see all the points. They are free to any church desiring to use them? I believe in printers ink if we can only get the churches to do the work in this Scriptural way, &c. I will inquire about the cost of sending boxes and perhaps send them.

I have to-day received your application for Golden City and Greeley. Applications come in so numerously that I am frightened almost. But I shall do all I can to get parties to take them though I cannot and have not made promises any further than we have the definite figures. I shall leave no stone unturned to help these frontier churches, that is all I can say. Help me as you can. Yours truly,
A. G. Reliffson.

Rehester, Minnesota, January 25, 1871.

Rev. S. Jackson,
My dear Sir:

I received a letter yesterday from my brother-in-law C. W. Smith of Cooperstown, Otsego County, New York, in which he says,

"Do you keep any personal track of Rev. Sheldon Jackson? I have had it in mind to endeavor through him to turn a part of my memorial fund towards some promising field where the assurance of \$500 would determine the erection of a church free from debt, and with a live membership to use it for the Lord."

Would it not be best to write him immediately, before he otherwise disposes of it? We have sold our house in town, or rather exchanged it for a farm six miles south on which we are now living. Nothing new in church matters here.

Mrs. Andrews joins in kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

Yours very truly,
F. W. Andrews.

Black Hawk, January 26, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I presume you have received the letter I wrote you on Monday, acknowledging the draft and enclosing a word of thanks to the unknown donor. I have now received the box from the ladies of Washington in which I find some very valuable articles, which I will soon return thanks for to the donors through Mrs. Welch, as I have already to a kind Father in heaven. The charges on it were very high---free to Chicago and \$19.50 from there here. I know not how to express my gratitude to all parties concerned and above all to you, my dear brother, through whom these beneficentions have come.

In the box came a package of books to you, six in all, all relating to the mining history of this country. Are these the ones you refer to in your last letter? I found also "Hodge on the Atonement", "Pascom on the Gospels", some others of a miscellaneous character. Are these for me or are they included in those which you referred to? The Commentary and the work on the Atonement make me feel quite like a student once more---if designed for me.

The work in Central is widening and deepening I think. I preached there on Tuesday night. Six persons, other than those who had before done the same thing, declared their intention to follow the Saviour. A deep spirit of prayer pervades the church. Last night we had a larger prayer meeting than usual though the weather was so unpropitious. Still the interest has not yet reached us in any very marked manner. God grant that it may.

Yours in the Gospel,

Wm. E. Hamilton.

second Presbyterian Church, Springfield,
Ohio, January 27, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Marshfield Steel, a member of this church, has placed in my hands as chairman of the committee of this church on the Memorial fund, One hundred dollars, which he has requested should be sent to you to be used by you in your field of Missions where you think it is most needed, and will accomplish the most good. Please acknowledge the receipt of the same as from this church, so that the church may have credit for the amount with the Assembly's Memorial Committee.

Please find inclosed a draft on the Continental National Bank New York, for One hundred dollars payable to your order.

Yours truly,
Stephen Brown.

Pueblo, Colorado, January 30, 1871.

Dear Brother Moore:

The destitution of the Territory is so great that we should not have a Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian church in the same place. If the Cumberland Presbyterians start a church in a neighborhood 1st, we expect to pass the neighborhood by and vice versa. It is reported around the streets to-day that Brother L is coming to Pueblo to hold a series of meetings next week with the purpose of establishing if possible a Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I hope that this is a false report. For just at present there does not seem to be room for two Presbyterian organizations --- and for him to hold a series of meetings here at this time (unless to help Brother Adams) would be misconstrued by the public.

Truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson.

Georgetown, Colorado, January 31, 1871.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Brother:

Yours to hand. Mr. Mitchell will write you, we signed a Memorial or request to the Memorial Fund which Mr. Mitchell will send you. At present it is not best to decide to buy or to build but await events; but in the mean time secure the aid of about \$2000 and if desirable to buy the overflow of purchase can be returned, or if desirable to build the citizens of Georgetown,

but especially the members of our own church, will find the means to pay all over the \$2000. The Congregational building is worth from \$800 to \$1000 ; they want \$1800 for it. Be pleased to see you up here at any time. If Mr. Mitchell had his family here it would be much easier on all concerned. We are all pleased with him and pray for Divine Blessing.

Yours truly,
J. Oscar Stewart.

Cheyenne, Colorado, January 31, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I spent part of last week before with the Greeley people, preaching to them twice last Sabbath. I had a talk with a few persons on Sabbath night after dismissing the congregation, upon church matters. The prevailing sentiment seemed to be not to attempt to build just at present, but to get a grant of what aid we can, and build after awhile. They seem to have sanguine hopes of an increase of strength and means by the spring and summer immigration.

There is also a project talked of just now, and favorably entertained of building by joint stock subscription, a public hall to be used for the present by the Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists, at a stipulated rent, until each denomination feels able to put up its own building. It is thought that neither is able just now to put up such a building as they would wish, and all would be willing to enter into this arrangement. I find that all the Presbyterians who were present at our conference on Sunday night, are strongly in favor of this arrangement. If the arrangement were entered into in good faith by all parties, and they did not cripple themselves in this work so as to hinder them in building their churches, perhaps there would be no serious objection to the arrangement, but

"Timeo Danamm et dona ferentes."

I am a little afraid this proposition has been concocted by some of the gentlemen of "Liberal" views, as a means of staving off as long as possible the building of distinctive, orthodox churches. What do you think of it?

I shall write to Secretary Ruliffson to-night and do my utmost to secure them a grant at least. Perhaps the aid will be the more readily granted if it is understood that it will not be called for till, say next summer.

I have concluded to hold my communion next Sabbath alone, unless you can come up on a pass. My reason is, that if I get my commission renewed and go for my family I shall have to be gone about a month (as I shall have to make a sale of some property), and whatever aid I can get from the brethren around me, I should prefer to have them

I see your name in connection with a Presbyterian College (!) in Corinne. If Brother Bayliss' church was not already built I should have suspected he was playing harp, like Freeman, at

Laramie. But perhaps he thinks that "gentile" horn will do to pipe any tune upon successfully. A Presbyterian College in Corinne for the next twenty years will be a thing about as intangible as real estate in moonshine.

Yours fraternally,
W. G. Kophart.

Colorado City, February 14, 1871.

Dear Brother:

Every thing arrived safely, via Mr. Douglas. Do I owe you any freight on that? As Presbytery meets March 31st I shall not come to Denver till then. I have been quite sick for a few days (illness). There is more sickness here than there has been since I came. I visited Mr. Adams one day two weeks since.

I am now preaching regularly at Mr. Irving's and have a regular and attentive audience of 50. I am sure I can do good by occupying that field. But I cannot visit the people, or even reach my preaching appointments with ease, because I have no horse. I am really getting tired with this way. I have to waste so much time. I spoke to Messrs. Douglas and Irving, but they would not promise even to furnish feed if I would buy a horse. And Mr. Douglas insists upon my remaining at his house next spring tho' he is six miles out of the way, and no accommodations for a study when I get there. They seem to think I can get up with anything, preach regularly, and travel on foot. I cannot afford the expense of a team, and I am constantly annoyed without one. I have had to walk from Colorado City to Terrible (16 miles) and from Irving's back to Fountain (10 miles). I have said all I care about saying to them. They can do better for me if they would. I would get independent of the people, but I am paying off some old debts contracted while at school and am in a constant state of bankruptcy. I have heard of one new Con lady just come to the Divide. When my ship (horse) comes I'll leave the country or rather go prospecting. The Episcopalian Minister from Golden City is preaching at City and has organized a church. Will go on to the Divide next week.

Yours in Tribulation,

B. Gage.

Love to all.

Will you thank Mrs. Melson for "Our Monthly" and tell her she has omitted sending the November 1870 Number. I have received all the others.

Yours in Jesus,
W. G.

Oswego, New York, February 3, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

I am happy to say that the ladies of our church are preparing boxes for Mr. Annin of New Mexico and Mr. Brown of Elko, Nevada. From your letters we judge the latter needs only clothing for himself as no mention was made of other articles like blankets or sheets. We have just sent a box worth \$500 to Rev. William Campbell of Iowa. Of course our others will not be of as much value. Those cold wintry days remind us that many of our missionaries must be in straitened circumstances as their appropriations have diminished. Have you any church or minister that just now need a small remittance of fifteen or twenty dollars? Beside this, the Infant Class are about ready to make one of their small donations. I regret the churches at the East have not fully met the demands of the West.

I hope your health and strength are fully equal to your arduous labors, and you will in the future as in the past be abundantly blessed.

Most respectfully and truly yours,
C. H. Condit.

Philadelphia, Pa., February 6, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Our Sunday School (Clinton Str. Presbyterian Church) has appropriated \$25 to the school of Rev. Mr. McFarland at Santa Fe, New Mexico, which they wished to pass through your hands. If you can convey the money to its destination, shall I send it to you at Council Bluffs?

Yours respectfully,
George F. Dewey,
of W. A. Drown & Co.

Phelps, New York, February 6, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

You recommended to our Sabbath School as their Western Missionary . H. Mitchell of Central City of Colorado. We have raised \$100 and if you think we had better send this sum to him please inform us. We expected to raise it sooner but better late than never. If you will please tell us how to remit the money so that it will reach him, we shall be much obliged. In haste,

Yours truly, H. D. McCall.

Helena, Montana Ter'y, February 6, 1871.

Mr. S. Jackson,

Rev. and Dear Sir:

Your favor of January 26th was received two or three days ago and having looked round a little among those of our people that I thought would be interested in this matter will now return answer.

I have not met Major Candee but am glad to learn from you that he is a professor of religion and wish all our public places could be filled by men who have the fear of God before their eyes. I am informed that he is now making a tour to the different forts in the Territory. I am sorry to inform you that I have not met such encouragement as you ask for in regard to raising money. This is a time of the year when money is very scarce and I think even more so than for years past, and while I think there are a number here that would be well pleased to have you with us they do not feel that they are in a condition at present to give much assistance towards bringing you here. The feeling also seems to be general (so far as I have gone) that while they would like to see you here at any time you could come that under existing circumstances it would be better for the cause if you could make it convenient to come either with the brethren (or just before them) while if you come now things might be considerably changed before their arrival, as a few months or even weeks often make considerable change in the population of any particular place. It is also thought that after work starts in the spring and money a little more plentiful that if necessary at that time to raise some that it could be done more easily than now. It may not be out of place (I presume you know it now) to mention that I am informed that by calling on the Proprietor of the Stage line at Corinne that you can get a pass for yourself and other ministers at half price to this Territory and over their lines here.

I am at present connected with the M. E. Church here. Rev. Mr. Lathrop is our Minister. There will be held some week day services commencing this evening at which I hope good may be done. Please write and inform me what word you receive from the board; any information I can give or service I can do for you or the cause I will be glad to do by informing me.

With Christian regards, yours truly,

A. T. Williams.

Helena, Montana.

P.S. If you see Mrs. Edwards please say that her letter is received and will answer as soon as I can obtain the facts for her.

Cooperstown, New York, February 7, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of yours of the 1st instant and hasten to thank you for writing before I had become committed to any other object. I agree with the greatest pleasure and with thanks to the good Lord for his enabling me to do so, to give \$500 for a Presbyterian church at Greeley, Colorado Territory. Am prepared to remit the amount at once, only desiring a receipt, therefore from the Treasurer of the memorial fund, such as I can present in cancellation of my subscription, when I may be called upon to pay. Wrote Dr. Ellinwood a few days since of my desire to apply this sum in just such a way, and will write again by this mail, of my decision and for instructions how to pay over the money. You may rely upon it as the amount lies in Bank as an especial fund and will be applied in accordance herewith by my wife should I not live to consummate it.

There is hardly any locality in the West that I would prefer to Greeley, none indeed. I have been greatly interested in the Colony and hope and pray this contribution to its spiritual interest may be blessed by the God of all Grace to his own Glory.

With best respects,

C. W. Suits.

My wife desires to be kindly remembered. She claims to have some acquaintance and correspondence with you through one of her friends, Miss Maria Trask that was.

Cheyenne, Wyo. Ter'y, February 8, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I arrived here on Saturday noon - Called upon Brother Thompson after dinner, and proposed preaching on the Sabbath; but it was found impracticable to get a notice circulated as the papers were all out or in press. I then proposed to Brother Thompson to have an appointment given out for me in the several churches on Sabbath, for Monday evening, which was done.

I attended the Union Sabbath School (Presbyterian and Methodist), Sabbath afternoon and gave a little talk to the little folks. On Monday evening I preached to some twenty-five or thirty people, in the school house. It was thought to be quite a respectable congregation in Cheyenne. Text "Dearest little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

I had been in Cheyenne long enough to discover that there was a lamentable want of harmony and cordiality among the few Christians who are here, and so I framed the last general head of my discourse to meet this state of things. - "How is this kingdom in its earthly aspect to be secured to the saints?"

1st. By the power of God --- "it is your ~~master's~~ good pleasure", &c.

2nd. By Christian cooperation,

- (a) With the Holy Spirit,
- (b) With one another.

I did not intimate any jealousies or oppositions here, but merely urged the christian duty and vital importance of brotherly love, charity, and cordial cooperation among christians in the work of building up Christ's kingdom, with a casual allusion to the peculiarity of their situation here, and the necessity of making this a common work.

The Congregational minister was present and at the close of services gave me a cordial invitation to preach in their house when I returned to Cheyenne. I left an appointment for next Wednesday night week; the day you requested me to meet you here, and told them I thought you would be here to preach to them at that time.

This reminds me of our proposed trip to Denver. On consulting my finances I find my funds will be too low for that trip. I left home with \$110, leaving not quite \$100 with my family for their emergencies. Out of this I was obliged to purchase some additional clothing at Burlington, pay \$12.65 for a ticket to Council Bluffs, \$19.50 for a half-fare ticket to this place, and my hotel bills and other incidental expenses by the way. So that I have now but \$45 left, and my hotel bill here and Railroad fare to Laramie to come out of that, ere I get to Laramie City.

I hope you got my note from Omaha concerning the hat and overshoes I left at the Bryant House. I need the overshoes especially.

Yours fraternally,
W. G. Kephart.

P. S. I shall meet you, D. V., at Cheyenne on next Wednesday week. I leave for Laramie tomorrow.

New York, February 9, 1871.

Rev. F. L. Arnold,
Dear Brother:

I have the pleasure to send you a check for \$20, a special contribution from "A member of the Pine Street Church, Harrisburg, Pa." through H. M. Graydon, Esq., one of the Elders of the church. I have sent the donor my receipt for the money. I received your kind letter of January 30th, the contents of which is fully reciprocated.

If you come East I shall be very happy to see you.

Yours fraternally,
H. R. Wilson.

As you are aware of the misunderstanding between Dr. Wilson and myself I send this, that you may know all is well.

Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, February 9, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours containing draft was received to-day. Thank you. I send Thompson a receipt, after signing it myself, with instructions to sign and forward. We put our organ in last Saturday, and used it on Sabbath. It makes a hundred per cent difference in our music already, and brings Dr. Russell and his wife to meeting. Our congregation is considerably increased.

I sent my last quarterly report for the year, including "What I know about" Greeley, this week. I sent with it a communication on Greeley written for the Burlington Hawk Eye. I also sent this morning a letter to the Youths' Missionary Association of the Rutgers Churches, on Cheyenne. I sent the Observer an article a few weeks since upon the same subject, but have not seen it published.

We had two additions to our communion -- Mrs. Scriber expected to have united but did not get out when we gave the opportunity.

There are several others who still hold aloof. One of them told me she no longer considers herself fit for church membership. Some have not yet obtained their letters. I have appointed a communion at Greeley on the 4th Sabbath. Should I leave for Iowa before that, I shall depend upon you to attend to the matter. We elected permanently Thompson and Scriber, elders. Can't you come up a week from next Sabbath and ordain them?

If not send me your form of Government (Pres) as I have not mine here, and there is none hereabouts.

Yours,

W. G. Kephart.

Laramie, Wyoming Ter'y, February 13, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have just learned through Brother Richards that the Trustees will take no steps towards erecting our church building till that \$1000 is placed in some bank, either here or at Denver subject to their order with yours approved.

The \$1000 pledged here is now reliable and I think it will reach about \$1100, but this will not be expended unless the other \$1000 is deposited as above stated. You are aware that this people have been imposed upon by Mr. Freeman and others. I hope this can be complied with, for unless it is, we shall have no church building.

It would grieve me exceedingly to have any damper thrown upon this matter of building our meeting house. You know something of the material we have to deal with. The \$1000 is pledged at least five of the building committee are responsible men who can be trusted---I mean in a financial view.

My dear Brother, I know your heart is with us and beg and

beseech you do not ask this people to collect and use the \$1000 here only in connection with the other. I should not have known of this dissatisfaction had not Mr. Richards come to me; please do not tell him of this, but I suppose from what he said you have received letters from Judge Brown before this. The need of a speedy completion of the House is growing and deepening with every week. Much has transpired since you left. In haste

Love to all. Yours in the Gospel,
F. Arnold.

P.S. If possible perhaps you had better come and see us.

Montclair, New Jersey, February 17, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Brother:

Your letter of the 10th in regard to the Georgetown church is before me. I will try to do what I can for the object and hope I may be able to raise the necessary amount. But of course I can give no positive promise. The gifts of my own church are mostly engaged for other objects but we will probably be able to do something, and I will try to get help from other churches in this vicinity. I will keep you posted in regard to progress.

In this matter I take for granted that the Georgetown people are willing to do their own full share according to their ability. I trust to your watchfulness and prudence in this respect. It may be well to give me some definite information in regard to the plan before you. Do you propose to buy the Congregational building, or was that burned with the "Bolton House"? or will you build anew? Please give me some details.

My kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours,

J. Romeyn Berry.

Laramie, Wyo. Ter. February 17, 1871.

My Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter is received and contents noted.

Mr. Filmore has just sent Mrs. Arnold and myself an earnest invitation to accompany them on a visit to Salt Lake City. They wish to leave either Monday or Tuesday of next week. If you would like it, I will preach for you at Corinne and you can spend the Sabbath in Rawlins. I think Mrs. Arnold will have those letters ready for you.

I feel that I must see you before you go east. I have many things my dear Brother, I wish to talk about.

In haste as ever yours with much love,

F. I. Arnold.

P. S. Mrs. Arnold sends much love to Mrs. Jackson and the children. If you want me to stop at Corinne please drop me a line at Order. and I will.

Yours, etc., F. I. A.

Laramie, Wyo Ter. February 20, 1871.

My Dear Brother Jackson:

Mrs. Arnold has just completed what we think you desired, without attention to appearance. Please let us know whether we are right?

As we are Mr. Willmore's guests in going to Salt Lake after consideration I do not think it would be proper to ask him the favor of my leaving them to preach at Corinne. So I will not expect you at Sawlings. On Friday evening Judge Brown will expect you at his office. That God may bless you and yours we hope and pray. Please excuse this sealed envelope, as we have no other.

Your Brother in Christ,

F. I. Arnold.

We have received the kindest, most wonderful letter from Mrs. Parish. Please impress it upon the people of New York that it will need \$1000 more to complete of brick, this is what I have written also Mrs. Arnold, and we must all be a unit, and I have no doubt Mrs. Parish herself will give this if necessary.

Cooperstown, New York, February 20, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 13th instant just received.

In order that there may be no delay or lapse upon my part in the "good work" I remit by this mail to W. E. Dodge, Treasurer Memorial Fund check for \$500 for "Presbyterian Church at Greeley, Colorado, through Rev. Sheldon Jackson of Denver".

Again I thank the Lord for this privilege, one of the happiest of my life. Shall hope to learn in good time of the progress and completion of the Church. With best regards, and prayers for God's blessing on your work, I am yours

Most truly,

C. W. Smith.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, February 21, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have not yet received any response from the Board, but hope to do so yet this week. The Congregationalists had a communion at Greeley last Sabbath, and Brother Davis informs me that our Elder there, Brother Keller, thought it was better in view of that fact, to defer ours for another month. I shall not therefore go down before Saturday; and if you pass through here on Friday you can have time to take dinner with me.

If you have a plentiful supply of hymn books such as we use in our congregations, I wish you would bring some ten or twelve with you, as I noticed last Sabbath night there seemed to be a lack of them in the congregation.

Should I get word, as I hope to this week, from the Board, I shall be ready to go east with you. I hope we may journey together. I ordained our Elders on Sabbath. Davis was gone to Greeley, and we had a good congregation both morning and evening.

Yours fraternally, W. G. Kephart.

286 Lexington Avenue,

February 22, 1871.

My dear Brother:

It is proper that you should know that the \$3000 came from one source in my congregation -- Mrs. Daniel Parish.

Should you be at any expense in carrying out her wishes, you will keep an account of it, and it will be reimbursed to you. She would also trust to you to see that the building is insured in some responsible Insurance Company. Please look carefully after this. I sent her your note yesterday and she was glad to hear that things were going on so pleasantly.

Yours most truly,

J. G. Murray.

P. S. The official notification has not reached me.

Philadelphia, February 24, 1871.

My Dear Sir:

I have received your earnest and interesting appeal on behalf of Denver. I recognize the great importance of that whole field, and will confer with my Session on the subject.

The state of my health would forbid my giving much personal care to this, or any application at present.

But we already have some objects before us of the greatest

importance and it does not now appear how we can help Denver.
I shall be glad if it prove otherwise.

Yours in Christian fellowship,
H. A. Boardman.

Galesburg, Ill., March 1, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Our Sunday School this year has decided to make contributions every week to help sustain some Mission. And it was left to the children to say whether we should send the money contributed to a Home or Foreign Mission and it was decided by them to send it to a Home Mission, and I have been instructed to send it to you. Inclosed you will find a draft for the amount of our contributions up to date, Twenty two and 53/100 dollars (\$22.53). We hope to be able to send you at least "10 every month during the year. We have promised the children a letter from you telling them what will be done with the money. So hope that you will write to us.

With best wishes, very truly yours,

James M. Colville.

Secretary & Treasurer,
Presbyterian Sunday School.

Chicago, Ill., March 2, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Permit me to suggest an inquiry for your kind consideration. The Ladies Missionary Societies in New York and Chicago have been organized with a view to aid both Home and Foreign Missions. It is believed that educated Christian women can be useful as teachers and missionaries in our own country as well as in foreign lands. If the salary of a Christian teacher with outfit and traveling expenses can be paid by one of these Societies it is hoped that openings for usefulness may be presented in the neighborhood of new churches in the southern and western States and Territories. There are many Christian ladies asking for opportunities to work for the Master, and these new organizations, are happily adapted to act as means of communication between the unemployed and the fields needing their labors. Also to provide funds for their support. Of course great care would have to be exercised in selecting and sending individuals, but in this particular as well as in others

surely the Lord will direct. The experience of some of the officers of these societies would be useful as they have aided in selecting and sending individuals to Foreign fields for some time past.

Thinking that you may know of places in which such teachers and assistant missionaries could be very useful in connection with western churches I ask your attention to the subject.

Probably you are aware that the New York Society aided in sending Miss Mallory and I think also Miss Gaston. who are now laboring in New Mexico.

Sometime when you have leisure I would like to have you write and send your views on this subject in such form that they can be read for the advantage of the cause.

Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Holden of New York, and Mrs. Martin who resides near Auburn, New York, are much interested in the work of aiding in the work of Home as well as Foreign Missions.

Yours in Christ's service,

Mrs. A. G. Ruliffson.

6 Monroe Building, Chicago.

In all your letters we have been much interested.

Cooperstown, New York, March 7, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

Yours of 23d February duly received, enclosing letters soliciting contributions for the Stewart Memorial Church at Denver. I am very happy to say after consulting with our Sabbath School Superintendent, that our School will on their next monthly meeting appropriate \$40 for this purpose, and my wife will make up the balance - 10, when the amount is sent forward the wish of the schools respecting the name for a window will be communicated. My wife will, immediately after our Sabbath School monthly meeting, send you letters to her sister in Albany and ask her to endeavor to secure a like amount there.

Our Church as a whole is not doing very largely for the memorial funds, the subscriptions thus far have been appropriated to specific objects, therefore I have not yet succeeded in obtaining a pledge of \$500 for another church in Colorado; still I have a little encouragement and shall try hard before relinquishing the hope.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Smith.

Phelps, New York, March 8, 1871.

Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find draft on New York for One Hundred Dollars being amount contributed by the (Olive Branch) Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church of Phelps, New York, for the Stewart Presbyterian Church of Denver, as requested in your letter February 16 our school will hope to be noticed in the Memorial Window, as you suggest.

Yours truly,

C. P. Moser,

Assistant Superintendent & Treasurer

Washington, D. C., March 14, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Excuse my neglect in not answering your letter before this. I handed it to several leading members of our church to get their opinion as to our ability to raise the amount called for just now, and it had not been returned to me: so I write without it. My own judgment is confirmed by that of every one with whom I have conversed, that we can do nothing at present. Had the appeal been made at almost any other time we might have responded affirmatively, but just now, we have raised about \$2,000 for the Memorial Fund and contemplate the renovation of our own church building at an outlay of about \$4,000. Some of our people are interested in the "Gurley Mission" which requires enlargement at an outlay of nearly \$1000, besides our own city churches need help very much. Dr. Chester's church is now well up and they expect soon to get into the basement, when they shall have to wait until they can raise money to finish the upper part of it. The Seventh Street church has been repaired and is in debt some \$2,000, and thus might I go on and show you our poverty. I have had a similar letter from Rev. W. Y. Brown and shall have to make a like response.

I would be very much gratified to see a Gurley Memorial Church erected in Georgetown or any other important point in the West, and I think our people would be interested in it, also, but for the present it cannot be done by us. Washington is a poor place to get much money for such projects? We are not a wealthy people living largely on salaries, only a few with liberal incomes who recognize their stewardship.

I regret to have to write you such a reply to yours. With sincere sympathy for the good work you are doing and prayers for the blessing of the Master, am

Yours sincerely,
Wm. Ballantyne.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., March 14, 1871.

Dear Brother:

Your letter with reference to the church at Denver has been received and you may expect to receive from our Sabbath School fifty dollars (\$50) early in May, for the benefit of that church.

I rejoice at the favor God seems to be granting you in your wide field and praying that your usefulness may be continued and greatly increased, I am yours in the Gospel of our Lord,
John Woodbridge.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Albany, New York, March 15, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado,

Dear Sir:

I enclose you in another envelope a postoffice money order on the P. M. of Denver for fifty dollars (\$50). I gave to the Postoffice here my full name (as signed herewith) and my residence 329 Hudson Street, which fact it will be necessary for you to know in order to obtain the money on the order.

This money is the result of a collection taken in the Sabbath School of the First Presbyterian Church of this city last Sunday morning in response to your call for help to build the Stewart Presbyterian Church of Denver-- dated February 18, 1871. and the following persons contributed \$5.00 or more and are therefore entitled and would like the certificate spoken of in your said letter, viz: Mrs. H. Townsend \$5., Class No. 2, William H. Hamilton, teacher, \$5. and Class No. 17 Miss A. Rider teacher, \$10-- (does not that call for two)- the infant department gave \$7.11.

I am most happy in being the instrument under God of helping forward such a noble work, and assure that church of my sympathy and best wishes in their efforts for the furtherance of God's kingdom in the far West, in which I know I am only speaking the sentiment of the School over which I have been recently called to preside, the memorial may be in the name of First Presbyterian Sabbath School of Albany, New York.

Yours very truly,

Erastus M. Briggs,
Superintendent.

Please acknowledge receipt of the order. M. M. B.

Pueblo, Colorado, March 15, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

According to promise I drop you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along. I am thankful to be able to say we are all well and I hope yourself and family are in the enjoyment of the same blessing.

In regard to our church we are progressing slowly. The first Sabbath after you left the school house had no preaching and for three Sabbaths after that Mr. Adams was sick and unable not to preach. However he is now better and has preached twice, once in each Sabbath. Both times he had quite a good congregation, which was quite encouraging. It seemed to encourage him for he seems in good spirits and was out visiting to-day.

The Sabbath School books arrived and Mr. Lowther sent them up to Mr. Adams. He opened a Sabbath School last Sabbath and a good many were there.

Two Cumberland Ministers from Canon City were in town and held meetings for a week every evening, but were not very successful. They have gone to hold meetings somewhere on the St. Charles. They wanted Mr. Adams to assist them and have "a real old fashioned Cumberland revival." However he did not do so. but preached in the school house the Sabbath they had preaching in the Methodist Church.

We will lose one of our members soon, Mrs. Jamison is to move to the country the first of April. Mr. Adams is going to give up keeping boarders and move to a small house. He looks better now than he has for a long time. I sincerely hope his health will be better the spring weather coming on now will be in his favor. Mr. Lowther and Christie send their kind regards.

Respectfully yours,

E. Annie Lowther.

Sant Fe, New Mexico, March 23, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your welcome letter of the 18th instant containing a letter and check for \$25 from George F. Dewey of Philadelphia, Pa., for our Mission School enterprise just received.

I need not say to you how acceptable the letter and its contents are especially the contents. Please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness in this matter. I feel assured that it is owing to your interest in us and especially for Christ's cause in this place that this kind and much needed favor comes to us. We receive it as coming from the Lord just when we most needed it to enable us to do his work.

Our Presbytery held our stated meeting week before last in Las Vegas. I have just finished writing extracts from the Minutes for the Presbyterian, and Banner at Pittsburg, Pa.

We feel greatly encouraged in our work here. If the Board will only sustain me for one or two years more until I can establish our School enterprise the Mission here will soon become self-sustaining. Presbytery endorsed my acts as thier agent in obtaining the adjoining mission property with the improvements. There is now due me for the same \$1413.32. I have asked the Board of Home Missions to request the sum of \$2000 from Memorial Committee for this and to make some little further improvements. But I am embarrassed for the want of this money: yet trust in God that he will soon send it to me.

I write especially for another purpose. As I wrote to you some time ago, and also to the Board respecting a missionary to ~~Cochran~~ Cochran I now write to say that a good Brother is here. Rev. George McKinlay. He came here last week on his way to the Apache Indians in the southern portion of the territory, under commission from Board of Foreign Missions. The superintendent here is waiting on an order from General Government to go down and select their reservation. He says nothing can be done by a missionary among them until they are placed on a reservation, which will take at least three or four months. As chairman of Committee of Presbytery on Missions I have commissioned Brother McKinlay to occupy Cochran for the present, and have written a letter to the Board of Home Missions for aid for him for six months. He can organize a church there at once as two of my church members are there, and Mr. Reedell, Indian Agent will make a good Elder. Brother McKinlay leaves for there first of next week. In my opinion he will have a self-sustaining church there in a few years if he stays. I write this cheering news so that no other man may be sent there. I will write a letter soon to Mr. Dewey's school as you suggest. We are all well, and Mrs. McFarland unites in kind regards to you. Write soon.

Truly yours,
D. F. McFarland.

Albany, New York, March 25, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

At the request of my wife (who has been absent from the city ever since your letter was received), I herewith send my check for Twenty five (\$25) dollars which please use as you may think best, but should there not be a communion service she would like the amount appropriated for that object.

Trusting you will have health and strength and be sustained in all your projects for the advancement of Christ's kingdom,

Affectionately yours,
William Wendell.

Idaho March 27, 1871.

To Colorado Presbytery,

Dear Brethren:

At a Congregational meeting held here on the 18th instant a call was given to Brother George Rice to serve us as a minister here for another year. And we believe that a man of a family can not support the same and devote his whole time to the cause of Christ with a salary less than \$1200 - Twelve hundred dollars a year. Of that sum we passed a vote to raise \$300 in this place, which we think with great effort we will be able to raise by the close of his ministerial year. I am sorry that I can not have the pleasure of meeting with you, but we hope that the Master of the Assembly will be among you.

Yours fraternally,

John W. Roberts.

Owatonna, March 31, 1871.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Denver, Colorado.

Dear Brother:

x x x My stay here is getting to be somewhat uncertain.

My people will not build this year--at least so it seems. Maybe they will raise my salary: if not I cannot live. Where I shall go however is not clear. I don't want to go back though doors open in that direction, and Dr. Kendall says the Board would not send me to Montana under any circumstances. I am now thinking of colonizing somewhere "in advance" of railroads and all others and take my supporters with me and found a city, church, school &c., or do something I don't know what. Evidently the Doctor don't think much of me as a missionary. But in all this I am simply uttering the distraction of my mind. If I colonize I think I shall be independent of the Board. And shall not only strike out on the Union Pacific or St. Paul & Sioux City Road.

McNulty is released from Winona and they are understood to be desirous to have Lockwood, who preached last summer at Wells's to come and visit them.

As you have probably heard, Brother Killen too was about to leave; but things have settled there for the present. Mayhew goes to California in a month, so I learn. St. Charles has obtained a supply, Rev. J. L. Merrett, from Ohio.

the Scotch Brother of the Chippewa Presbytery of La Crescent, while a Congregational brother Radcliffe, has come to Hokah and Brownville.

These are about the changes made or contemplated since you were here.

Why should not the Board aid me in such a field as Montana?

What can I do in mission work somewhere upon the outposts? If the Lord should send me East I should be willing to go, but my inclination is to the front.

Quite a work of grace has taken place, adding 12 to our membership here, and I think as many more to be gathered in. Our church has more than doubled its membership since I came and mostly non-professionals. But the times are hard, and in this place and country business men lack enterprise.

Family all in health and send kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and family. The Lord direct and prosper you in all things.

Yours in Christ,

W. S. Wilson.

Memorial for the Transfer of Arizona.

To the General Assembly:

Dear Brethren:

We the undersigned Ministers connected with the work of the Presbyterian Church in New Mexico and Arizona would respectfully memorialize your venerable Body, That, with the consent of the Committee for the Synod of the Pacific the Territory of Arizona, or so much of it as lies east of the 114 meridian of west longitude, be transferred to the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

In the erection of the Synod of the Pacific by the Assembly of 1858 (O.S.) the present Territory of Arizona was a portion of New Mexico and remained so until 1863, when it was erected into a separate Territory.

In the organ of the Presbytery of Santa Fe by the Assembly of 1868 (O.S.) Arizona was left as unorganized ecclesiastical Territory. By the reconstruction acts of 1870 it was nominally placed in the Synod of the Pacific. Your memorialists now ask that it may be transferred to the Presbytery of Santa Fe and Synod of Colorado for the following reasons.

1st. Two thirds of the Territory is more accessible from New Mexico and naturally tributary to it. The Protestant Episcopal Church has recognized this in erecting New Mexico and Arizona into a separate diocese and appointing a bishop for the same.

2nd. The line of trade, travel and emigration to Arizona is largely from or through New Mexico. The coming of Railroads in advance of which population is flowing, is also from the east.

3rd. The time has come when ^{evangelical} work will be required in Arizona and can more efficiently be attended to by this Presbytery

4th. A portion of our presbytery are already at work within the limits of Arizona.

Respectfully yours,

Pueblo, Colorado, April 1, 1871.

Drs. Kendall and Dickson:

The Church of Pueblo in making application for aid to the Board would make the following statements.

- (a) The minister to be commissioned, George S. Adams.
- (b) Number of communicants, 4. Average attendance on public worship, 45.
- (c) There are 3 other denominations represented in Pueblo, Episcopal, M. E. and Baptist. There are all small. The last two have no constant supply, at present.
- (d) The condition of business in Pueblo is very active. Pueblo is, and will be the financial centre of southern Colorado.
- (e) The population will doubtless increase 50 or 100 per cent during the year 1871. The population is generally irreligious, though the regular attendance of all the churches has largely increased during the past 6 months. The present population is 1000.
- (e) The people on the field can raise about \$250. No aid is expected from abroad. To support a pastor we will need \$1000 from the Board.

Respectfully yours,

John D. Miller,

John R. Lowther,

Trustees of the Presbyterian Church,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Schenectady, New York, April 3, 1871.

Mr. Jackson:

Enclosed you will find two dollars to add to the ten dollars already sent to you from my Sabbath School class. They wished the privilege of paying for the papers for the year. I wish we could have sent you more but they are all children of persons in moderate circumstances and for that reason it takes more time to raise enough to amount to much. Brother Jones accepted the widow's mite, therefore we will not hesitate to offer ours.

We are having quite a revival here, nearly all the churches in the city have been holding meetings every evening for some time and there have been quite a number converted. We have had meetings in our own church for two weeks -- no excitement whatever but there seems to be a deep interest felt; we are in hopes it may continue and many sinners be brought into the fold-- there seems to be a general interest through this part of the country.

We sympathize with you in your work at the West and hope that your labors may be abundantly blessed.

H. Borland.

Brooklyn, New York, April 4, 1871.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I handed your appeal to Pastor and Superintendent as soon as received, but no action was taken at the time as the Foreign Missions are before the school and this month we are to send \$100 to the ~~Historical~~ mission and the same sum to China. Last Sabbath they voted to send you \$50 next month. I wish it was double but we have so many calls I suppose they felt it was all we could do. Our school is in a flourishing state and the the union of the churches has proved a happy one.

Aunt unites with me in kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

Very truly yours,
Elisa L. Thayer.

(The above letter continued)

Dear Brother Jackson:

We are always glad to hear from you and your work--hope you are not committing suicide by over exertion. Has Mr. Marquand responded favorably to your appeal? I have met him but once in the last year; he is giving nobly. O that he might be made to see the west as I see it, but we ought to pray that God would incline hearts to this duty; they are in His hand as is the clay in the hands of the potter.

With much love for Mrs. Jackson, and yourself, as ever;
S. M. G. Merrill.

Troy, New York, April 4, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to one of our teachers Brother John Sherry, soliciting aid for the Stewart Memorial Church was duly received and read at our Anniversary a week ago last Sabbath.

Our School is a mission enterprise from the Old First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Vincent (formerly Dr. W.S.S. ~~Seaman~~), started six years ago, on the outskirts of our city with 22 scholars and teachers. We now number 350 and a church with a membership of 300, but not quite self-sustaining; and yet our sabbath School had already contributed \$75 to the Memorial fund, purchased a new library at a cost of \$100 and came out clear of debt.

I have always sought to have the School give from a love of giving to a worthy object hence I only stated the case and instead of asking them to vote \$50 I asked, how many classes

there were in this church, and then left it --- Last Sabbath

ing as I stepped to my reading desk I found a note from two little children, brother and sister, enclosing \$5 for the Stuart Memorial Church - A Class \$10 - others said wait until next Sabbath, when I shall get it all - and we want one window reserved for the Oakwood Avenue Sunday School.

Truly yours,

A. H. Graves,
Superintendent.

Care of

Graves, Page & Co.,
221 River St.,
Troy, N. Y.

Oswego, N. Y., April 5, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

I purposed writing to you some days since, but delayed that I might enclose the small sum of seventeen dollars and thirty cents (\$17.30) from the Infant Class of the First Presbyterian Church, Oswego, N. Y.

Your letter to father, he read and laid it aside for farther consideration, but he was soon called to higher service and worship. It pleased God to make his going home very easy, and to crown his beautiful life with a peaceful death. It was a translation, one day mingling amidst earthly scenes, enjoying fully the devotion of his Church and family, the next in his eternal home. It was fitting that on the day of all days to him, at the house where he was accustomed to meet his people here he should be parted from them and taken to heaven. "Oh! life bowed to Jesus. Oh! death full of bliss. For the friend so beloved could we ask more than this." He has gone to receive his crown. He is with the spirits of the just made perfect, and while the first cry of bereavement burst from our stricken hearts, his joyful, released, glorified spirit joined the general assembly and church of the first-born, where they shall go out no more forever. At such a time when God comes so near, only Jesus can comfort, that same Jesus who comforted Mary and Martha, and to whom the disciples went and told of the death of John.

I thank you very much for your remembrance by letter and in your prayers. It remains for us to be more active in service and labor. I should liked to have aided in your Memorial Church at Denver, but just at this time I could not ask

for the amount desirable. Appropriate the money I enclose as you deem best, and for the sake of encouraging the children to do more let us receive as before a letter in acknowledgment.

How are you succeeding in your work? While the Romanists have all the funds they ask for our Boards are in need, and the great enterprises of the day languish. So much of the five million fund will be expended for home enterprises that our western churches may suffer. I wish we could induce the Christian Church to give more liberally. As I have a sister Mrs. Eddy at Sidon, Syria, my heart must be divided between Home and Foreign interests, though the former is very near. Our ladies have just received a letter from Mr. Brown of Elk, Nevada, in remembrance of a box sent him.

Yours with respect,

C. H. Condit.

To the Committee on Home Missions:-

The church of Georgetown would ask aid to the amount of \$1500.00 for the support of Rev. D. H. Mitchell one year from the 1st of April, 1871.

We pledge ourselves to pay him \$1000.00 in addition.

Signed in :

Behalf of : Erskine McClellan
the church : Elder.

Atlantic, Ia., April 12, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I was very glad to receive the photograph of the church at Corinne. I shall always keep it to remind me of old times. Accept my hearty thanks for this token of your kind remembrance of me.

Our prospects here are much more encouraging than they were a year ago, our membership has increased to 23, and our church building is nearly done. We expect to dedicate it in about 3 or 4 weeks.

I trust you will also see a notice of the church at Avven being dedicated in a couple of months. We are not moving as rapidly there as I would like, but still we have succeeded

beyond my highest expectations. The church is almost ready for plastering, and I think we will be free from debt when it is finished. At a festival there the ladies cleared \$130.00, most of which they devoted to the purchase of an organ. They have been presented with a beautiful and costly Communion Service, and are getting along nicely. Carroll tells me that Mrs Fitch, a Methodist lady wrote you something about our organization there, stating that we acted in a loose and irregular manner, which was not the case. I am glad to be able to tell you that we did all things decently and in order, and the little flock are getting along well.

The ladies here at a festival cleared \$150.00 which they will devote to getting an organ and furnishing the church. The plasterers are at work on it now.

Mrs. Hughes has become quite attached to the place, and proves to be a splendid missionary's wife. I give her most of the credit of our success here.

I have just returned from a very pleasant meeting of Mission Presbytery. Our Commissioners to the Assembly are brother Randolph and myself, and Elders Meredith of Omaha, and Conger of Tekama. We all intend to go. Give our kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Your brother,
Wm. Hughes.

Galesburg, Ill., April 13, 1871.

Rev. Samuel J. Jackson,
Denver, Col.

Dear sir:

Your letter came duly to hand. The children were very much pleased with it. Enclosed please find \$17.27, the amount of our contributions for March.

You will please acknowledge receipt of draft, and oblige

Yours very respectfully,
James M. Colville,
Secretary of Presbyterian Sunday School.

Elizabeth, N. J., April 14, 1871.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear sir:-

In a letter from Rev. W. Y. Brown of Denver, Col., to our Pastor, Dr. Hempshall, aid was solicited in building the Stuart church of that city. The ladies of our "Memorial Society" were much interested in Mr. Brown's letter, which resulted in a unanimous vote for the next \$100. to be sent to the Stuart church. After that meeting, which was held March 24th, yours of the 20th, was received, in which you state that "you suppose that the object of our Society is to contribute from time to time about \$100. to some place of urgent need," which is the case. You also favor the increase of this amount by \$25. for a small cabinet organ or melodeon for that church. At our next meeting, April 7th, a new vote was taken, but it was unsuccessful in regard to the organ, for the majority were in favor of contributing to the church instead. I regret that it is my duty to inform you of the fact if it will be any disappointment, either to the Pastor or congregation. Hoping the small amount may be some benefit to the struggling ones, and that God may give the heart and means to others to aid in this good work, I remain

Very truly yours,

Mrs. A. S. Gunn,
Secretary.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver,
Colorado.

Kingsboro, Fulton Co., N. Y.,
April 17, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear sir:-

Your communication of February in behalf of "Stuart Presbyterian Church" Denver, was duly received and presented to the Sabbath School of Presbyterian Church of this village. Enclosed find my check on New York for \$50., as donation for our Sunday School. If convenient would like the name inscribed on a window of said church. This contribution is mostly from the children. Our Sunday School is more than half a century old. Our Pastor, Rev. George Harkness intends

visiting California in June and hopes to stop at Denver.
Please send receipt soon that I may forward to Conn.

Yours in the Lord,
D. B. Judson,
Superintendent Sabbath School.

Troy, N. Y.,
April 17, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Superintendent Presbyterian Missions,
Denver, Col.

Dear sir:-

I now have the pleasure of enclosing draft for \$50. being the subscription of the "Oakwood Avenue Sabbath School" to the Stuart Presbyterian Church of Denver, Colorado, as our "Memorial offering" to be applied toward the payment of a window on which the name of our school should be inscribed as suggested in your letter of March last. Our school is a Mission Enterprise and we had already contributed almost \$200. to the memorial fund before reaching yours, and have since raised \$50., for a church in Iowa.

Truly yours,

Rev. George Van Dears, : A. H. Graves,
Pastor. : Superintendent.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
April 17, 1871.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,
Dear sir:-

Our Sabbath School has raised \$50. in aid of the church of which you wrote us at Denver.

I enclose a draft for that amount. This is to be understood as coming from the Memorial Fund, and will you please give a receipt accordingly.

Yours very respectfully,
Charles Lester,
Treasurer Presbyterian Sabbath
School of Saratoga Springs.

Elizabeth, N. J.,
April 20, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Secretary,
Dear sir:-

Enclosed you will find a certified check for one hundred dollars from the Ladies First Presbyterian Church Memorial Society of this city, to be applied to the Stewart Church, Denver, Colorado, Rev. Y. Brown, Pastor. Please acknowledge receipt of this.

Yours truly,
Jonas E. Marsh.

Los Vegas, N. M.,
Saturday Morning,
April 22, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Glad to hear from you again after so long a time. Had had no intimation of a box from Denver until yesterday morning when your note came. It will be along in a week or two. Transportation very tedious from Kansas City here. Getting along slowly, but I hope making real progress, though there are many adversaries, obstacles and discouragements. My free school numbers about 25. Other members will come into the church during the summer, though some must go out. Have just bought a good property for residence and moved in yesterday; all upside down now. The prospect of paying for it is, I hope, comfortable. The best house in Los Vegas - very cheap. Mr. Ford will ardly be able to go to the Assembly. Will you be in Chicago in May? What is the matter with the Board; are they determined to break up New Mex. Missions? Find out if you can.

Our girls will pass through Denver if the board will about 20 or 25 June. May write you again.

Mrs Annin is in very feeble health and precarious. She joins in much christian love to you and yours. Pray for us.

Yours ever in toil for the Master,
J. A. Annin.

New York, April 22, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver,
Colorado.

Dear sir:-

Enclosed please find Phelps Dodge Co's check to your order for \$1000., being #169 on Mercantile National Bank N. Y.

This is a part of Mrs. Parish gift to the Memorial Fund and is to be used for the erection of a church at Laramie, Wyoming Territory.

Very truly yours, etc.,

W. S. Gilman,
Chairman.

\$2000. more is to be given through Church Erection and is sent there. W. S. G.

Le Roy, N. Y.
April 24, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:-

You will please find within \$50., which you may apply to the church in Denver. If you wish it for a memorial window, you can mark it as presented by the Le Roy Sabbath School.

I am very happy to note your success in the good work and pray God to prosper you more and more. If in the progress of your labors next year, you find a place where you need special help, please let me know. The pleasant memories of old days will always constrain me to help you and you will find mine a willing people.

Send the receipt as soon as you can - we will want it to make up our report on the Fund.

My wife joins in kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

Yours very truly,
C. H. Taylor.

Pittsburgh, Penna.,
April 24, 1871.

Sheldon Jackson,
Denver,
Colorado, Ter.

Rev. and dear sir:-

Your letter and appeal to the Sabbath School of the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., in behalf of the Denver Presbyterian Church, was no sooner read to our School than a determination to respond was manifest.

A teachers meeting was held and without opposition it was promptly decided to contribute the sum asked of us, with the understanding that it should be applied to the object specified in your letter, viz., "A Memorial Window" in the Denver Presbyterian Church.

As the proof of our promptness and earnestness, here with please find a Post Office Order for fifty dollars.

Every cent of this is precious, and how it was obtained would be interesting to know, but God knows. We send it forth on its errand, and may the blessing of the Infinite One follow it.

That your appeal to other schools may be responded to as cheerfully, as with us; that encouragement and success may attend all your labors for the Master; that the same future reward you desire us, may also be yours; are the sincere wishes of the

"Lawrenceville Presbyterian Sabbath School
Presbytery of Pittsburgh"

Robert Davis,
Superintendent.

Evanston, Wyoming.

Historical Statement.

Evanston was first visited by a Presbyterian Minister on Monday, April 24, 1871, when Rev. Sheldon Jackson preached in the hall and made arrangements for regular Presbyterian services. At his request Rev. F. L. Arnold of Laramie commenced holding a monthly service which was continued until interrupted by the snow blockade of the following winter.

Arrangements were at once commenced looking towards

the erection of a church building which was completed about New Years - but owing to snow blockade was unoccupied until spring.

On August 13, 1871, Rev. F. L. Arnold organized a church of five members.

Dedication - On Sabbath April 28, 1872, the church was solemnly dedicated to the worship of God, the services being conducted by Rev. Sheldon Jackson. The following were contributors towards the church building.

Communion Service - Upon the day of dedication a beautiful and heavy silver communion service was presented to the church through Rev. Sheldon Jackson, by Rev. J. T. Backus, D. D., for the estate of Miss . . . , Philadelphia. Mrs. Tooley, Mrs. North, Mrs. Quinn and Miss Whittier were appointed a Committee to acknowledge the gift on the part of the church.

Evans, Colorado,
May 1, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear sir:-

Allow me to inquire through you as to the time of your next meeting of Presbytery and at what place you meet, as I should be pleased to meet with you if at all convenient. I am at Evans, a colonist, and wish to cast in my lot with the people here. I think our colony will be a complete success. We will not perhaps build up as fast as our neighbor, Greely, but there is a staunch farming population setting in here. I am acquainted with many of the people, and have preached the last three sabbaths to large attentive audiences I have been a pastor for fourteen years at Sparta, Illinois, immediately preceding my advent to this new clime, in connection with the United Presbyterian Church, which as you will know is not far removed from the Presbyterian Church. We have always lamented the division in the Presbyterian family, and look forward in hope that these will be healed. As there are no United Presbyterians in the Territory you will not wonder that I feel drawn to you and would feel it a privilege to meet with Presbyterians. If you could make it convenient to call here if you are passing through the country, I would be pleased to have your counsel with regard to

the best interests of the field here. I had hoped to make your acquaintance at Denver on passing through, but you were away from home with other of the brethren except Mr. Hamilton whose acquaintance I made during my short stay.

Please write, and oblige

Yours fraternally

John F. Steuart.

Harrisburg, Pa.,
May 2, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear sir:-

I enclose draft on Mercantile National Bank of New York for \$50., from Mrs. E. McCormick for the needs of the frontier churches.

Yours respectfully,

J. McCormick, Jr.,

D.

Idaho Spa,
May 6, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

The sun occasionally shines so that it is not all dark and not all light.

We have the pleasure of saying to you the box of clothing and books have come to hand in good order, and we are truly thankful to God and the Dorcas Society. May heaven bless them; and may He bless them in their good work. Every time I see one of the articles I think may heaven bless them.

Well, we have let the carpenter's work of our church to Mr. Moffitt. The foundation is progressing and will be ready in time for carpenters. We wrote you in regard to what we might expect from the Board of Church Erection; in case you did not get the letter, let us know when you answer.

Hope you will excuse my ignorance when I ask you whether it is expected that I should report to the Board of Home Missions as usual when I have not received any commission from them for the present year.

Very affectionately yours, Geo. Rice.

Cheyenne, Wyoming Ter.,
May 24, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Was glad to hear from you. I am not inclined to be discouraged though not very much encouraged. Cheyenne contains 3,000. A Congregational minister (Home Missionary) visited a place, saw some nineteen Congregationalists and Presbyterians who pledged to raise \$600. out of \$12. salary for a Congregational minister.

A year since a New School man had visited them similarly, but did not come, or rather went to Denver and stole our church.

A young man from Chicago will come, and has his appointment out for next Sabbath week.

I found three Old School families who had not pledged themselves to unite with the church, but intended to do so and discouraged any move on our part. Last week it rained all week and to-day I am sick, so I have not seen all that may be found. But under these circumstances do you wish to push an organization.

The Congregationalists have already secured the new legislative hall for church services I suppose as the officials are committed to them. They no doubt have the monied influence.

I will go to Laramie tomorrow, 56 miles. Here is an unoccupied field, and return to this place by Sabbath. I have little doubt but that some one ought to go to Laramie. Sweet Water is also a point attracting attention 3,000 or 4,000 - no minister of any kind. A rich mining region it is said, fifty miles from the railroad, 400 miles west of this point.

I will expect an answer from you either by telegraph or letter. I will not promise to make a thorough canvas of this place as a stranger alone, it is too full of sinks of iniquity.

If you could pledge \$5,000. or such a matter to a church building, it would give us an advantage. But I really do not know whether we ought to divide their strength; at least I do not feel like settling the question myself.

I had a notice for church services Sabbath morning and a dog and wild cat fight was announced for the afternoon. This is a sample of the town. The Vigilance Committee keeps order - hung a man three weeks since - so I am told. Let me know what I shall do. I would like to see you and have a talk. Send your letter or telegram - I will wait to hear

from you - as soon as you can. But after Thursday or Friday
need not send other mail.

In the meantime I will gather information and see
 the people, and be ready to tell them what to expect positive-
 ly.

Letters come from
 Chicago in two or
 three days.

Yours,
 John L. Gage.

 Philadelphia, Pa.,
 May 8, 1871.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,
 My dear Friend:-

I have been called upon by a Committee from Dr.
 Beadle's church to know how they are to ascertain if the box
 of clothing they prepared for the clergyman in your neighbor-
 hood (whose name I do not now recollect) and at your recom-
 mendation, reached him. A letter is so much valued, and aids
 the work in future, is my reason for calling your attention
 to it. I have been told New York intends to swallow up all,
 but the Board of Publication - the Colportage to be connected
 with something else - and one general Treasury, - which in
 Philadelphia does not seem to be approved. To merge so much
 in the hands of a few appears to be attended with great risk,
 and must bring about unprofitable contention.

It appears that there are complaints from worthy mis-
 sionaries who are borrowing money to supply necessary wants -
 because they have not been paid for months, and what is dis-
 heartening there is no money in the Treasury.

We paid freight on all the boxes we sent away but
 one.

Dr. Henry Boardman's sister called here some weeks
 ago to ask if I had letters on hand from missionaries making
 applications for clothing. I told her ours were supplied -
 that I heard they returned one you had sent them - she ac-
 knowledged it without giving the reason.

From reports in circulation here, I am afraid the
 coming General Assembly will not be as harmonious as the last.

With love to Mrs. Jackson and the children, I am

With respect,

H. M. Newkirk.

Montclair, N. J.,
May 10, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
My dear Brother:

I have secured the \$1000 - for the church in Georgetown - on condition that the church raises the amount necessary to make this sum sufficient to liquidate all debts upon the building. It will be best to pass this amount through the Board of Church Erecticn, unless you have good reasons for another plan. Let me know your wishes soon.

Yours very truly,
J. Romeyn Perry.

I give this day a letter of introduction to Mr. C. S. Dwight - addressed to you. He is a most excellent man - and is the largest contributor to the \$1000 - referred to in the foregoing note. I love him very warmly.

J. F. P.

St. Paul, Minn.,
May 12, 1871.

Rev. A. G. Baliffson,
Dear sir:-

Please find enclosed another gold dollar, the amount contained in Annie's and Willie's missionary box, which I hope can be counted in the memorial fund. I would like this to be devoted to the Home Mission work, as the other was to the Foreign, and would specify that part of the field in which Sheldon Jackson is engaged on the Pacific R. R., since we have been acquainted with him so long.

The children have both kissed it saying "Good bye little dollar. May you do much good", and I hope their prayer though they were unconscious of its import, be answered.

We are well, and trust yourself and wife are also.

With much love to Mrs. Baliffson, I am

Very truly your friend,

Isabelle C. Simenton.

Evans, Colorado,
May 14, 1871.

To the Presbytery of Colorado:

We the undersigned members in good and regular standing in Evangelical Churches of those desiring to make a public profession of our faith in Christ Jesus, believing that churches are necessary both for our individual comfort and the welfare of the community, would earnestly ask that we may be organized into a Presbyterian Church and taken under your care.

Evans, Col. Terr.,
May 14, 1871.

(Signed) x Francis Anderson
Jane Anderson
Mary E. Anderson
Margaret McKinley
Wm. McKinley
W. W. Hamilton
Richard Kyle
M. L. Kyle
James Adams
James Gaston
R. W. Welsh
J. E. Gaston
Wm. D. Ross
Margaret Foss

New York, 16 West 25th St.,
May 16.

My dear sir:-

About two years ago I formed an association of Presbyterian young ladies in this city to raise money for our missions in the west. The first year we collected \$3,500 in Family mission boxes, which we gave through the Memorial fund, to the Presbyterian church at Hambury, Iowa. It was only our purpose to keep up the association for one year, but the plan was so successful, that I determined to continue it. Last year we collected \$2,000., part of which was given to a church at Metawaha, Kansas, and the rest divided into small sums and sent to different missionary's wives. The main object of our society is to build churches or to give aid to such as are

able to help themselves a little.

For several reasons, it is much more satisfactory to give our money through private individuals and to get our information from some one who is on the spot. I have heard so much about your enthusiasm and usefulness and knowledge in all this work of missions that I determined to write to you, and ask you to help us in the selection of a church to help to build the coming year. We can give \$1000- every year, and perhaps more, but we want to put churches where they are needed, and also to relieve in some degree the sufferings of missionaries' wives and children. I am a member of Dr. Wall's church, and my husband a lawyer, and a son of the late Dr. Archibald Alexander of Princeton. I hope you will take an interest in our society and help me to make good selections of fields to do good, and such as will interest these girls. May I ask you to give me an early answer. I will not have any money before the fall, so that you will have plenty of time to decide for us.

Very truly,

Susan M. Alexander.

Brooklyn, N. Y.,

May 17, 1871.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear sir:-

I have received from Catherine Pate (a servant girl in the family of the late Mr. Millard Montague Sr., where she has seen you) four dollars, which she sends towards the fund for the Memorial church, having contributed one of the fifty sent by our Sunday School of which she is a member.

You will please acknowledge the same addressed to her, care of Miss Wickham, 31 Monroe Place, who is her Sunday School teacher.

Aunt is quite well and unites with me in kind remembrance to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

Our address after the first week in June will be Middleville, Herkimer Co., N. Y. - until middle of July - after that, Dedham, Mass.

Yours respectfully,

Elise L. Thayer.

Elmira, N. Y.,
May 20, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro:-

I have delayed writing you until something definite could be ascertained respecting our memorial offerings. Briefly, we have raised \$3,800; \$2,500 of this amount goes to pay our own debts. We did not at first contemplate this, but subsequently so decided. This leaves \$1300 for missionary purposes. We have as yet given no part of it a destination. I write to ask you the present condition of the church at Greely, Colorado, and to ascertain whether six or eight hundred dollars would be sufficient to assist the people of Greely to the erection of a house of worship. It is possible that our session might favor giving the whole amount to that church if absolutely necessary - but I have not their authority for saying this.

Please give me all particulars that may help us to form a just decision.

Yours in haste,
M. M. Sherwood.

Corinne, Utah,
May 22, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro:-

Per this mail I forward you papers containing the advertisement of our Academy, which we intend (P. V.) opening on the first Monday of September. I have already received the names of four pupils. Believe we shall open with a large attendance. Every one speaks encouragingly of the enterprise and appreciates its need. Miss Heffleman, in view of my not having written her earlier, had engaged as principal in the Jacksonville Atheneum for another school year, but writes that she will obtain a substitute and be with us so as to commence the term as per announcement. I would thank you to see Mrs. Rufflinson in reference to paying her expenses out.

As you suggested, I wrote to a gentleman in Salt Lake City about founding a mission there, waited for nearly two weeks and no answer came, after which I ascertained that

he had left the city to be absent for about a month. Shall run down there ere long and look after matters a little myself. Will write you as to the result.

The day you left here I made out an application for aid to the Board of Home Missions and sent it off to the brother in Sacramento, requesting him to forward it to Dr. Pandall. I have not received any answer as yet. The suspense is not very pleasant to say the least. If I knew what action was to be taken, I could prepare accordingly. If he does not intend to commission me, let him say so.

Hoping you are having a good time, in haste

Yours in Christ,

Edward E. Fayliss.

Lancaster, Pa.,
May 25, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear friend:

I received your letter and circular, handed them to our pastor, Mr. Robinson, supposing he would read the circular to the congregation, but there had been so many collections in our church, and just the previous sabbath he had presented an object for the Memorial fund, our own Mission Church - so he did not present the matter. I have had letters from brethren in Missouri and Illinois asking for help for their churches - and having had a good deal of collecting to do, could not again ask, although I think your's is a noble object, and one which should be sustained. The west is filling up with eastern people, and the Roman Catholics are increasing so rapidly by emigration and are so active in spreading their heresies, and proselyting - that it is high time christians were waking up out of their sleep - they have been too long asleep and the enemy straining every nerve. I do wish christians could be persuaded to exert all their efforts and contribute of their means in saving their fellow men - poor lost sinful men. If we are living in the "Saturday night of the world" we think we should do everything to advance the cause of Christ.

I only wish I had more of this world's goods, it would afford me pleasure, true pleasure to aid every benevolent cause. After my father's death we lost so much by bank-

rupt law and other ways, but am thankful that I still can have a little to give. The Lord has blessed me - a sum has recently come into my hands unexpectedly, which I have wholly devoted to the Lord, of which I send you a draft for thirty dollars - please accept - and if at any time you are in need perhaps after the church is erected, you write me and I will do what I can for you.

My brother-in-law, E. A. Evans, is not a "Reverend" not even a professing christian, pray for him. Remember me in your prayers. Often you and your great work is borne to a throne of grace by .

Your friend and sister in Christ,

Anna M. Dale.

Please direct 211 East King St.,

Lancaster, Pa.

The city has been recently renumbered.

Green City, Colorado,

May 31, 1871.

Dear sir:-

I received your letter nearly two weeks ago and I would have written sooner but there is no regular mail from here yet, but we hope soon will be. We received the books all right and we are all very pleased at having such a present sent us. For my part, I can't express my thankfulness to you for your kindness to us in taking notice of us so soon, and I must say you are the first to send us any present and a worthy one it is. But you will be repaid for it by One who sees all things. Our colony is not of a great size yet; there are only about fifty persons, old and young, but we expect a good many during the month of June. We have not many Presbyterians here but one of our agents has gone to New York to meet several families that we expect from England, and I think there will be some of them Presbyterians. Mr. Green, the founder of our colony tried to start a Methodist Church here, but he could not do it. It will be a great pleasure to me to see our church the first here, and I shall do all I can in favor of it. Please to let me hear from you soon, and how you came to be informed of me, and may it please God that we get a visit from you soon. We shall wait patiently expecting the same.

Affectionately yours in Christ,
Wm. Grant, by Evans.

Corinne, Utah,
June 2, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro:-

Your letter was received, and contents noted. Am very grateful for your expressions of kindly regard. Held a meeting on Wednesday evening last to take into consideration the purport of the contents. The members were very indignant, in fact, wanted to write off to the Board protesting in the strongest terms against their action. They have expressed themselves determined, if the worst comes to the worst, and the Board still refuses to renew my commission to raise as much as possible and keep me whether or not. I forward the accompanying memorial for your endorsement, and with the request that you would send it to the Secretaries of the Board. Mr. Taylor and wife and Mrs. Bruce are the only members who refuse to sign it. One of the members of the committee took the paper for his signature and got insulted for his pains, Taylor remarking, in addition to abusive language "that if the petition had been drawn up in such a way as would permit of it, he should sign it no; but as it was if the paper was forwarded he should set up a remonstrance." He is interfering with every one and every thing, and it is the wish of all the other members that he should leave the church. Every one in speaking of him, speak as though you did wrong in receiving them back. If I am not sustained here, the majority of the members will withdraw from the church. But more anon. This private.

Yours in Christ,
Edward E. Bayliss.

Cheyenne, Saturday June 5,

Bro. Jackson:

Rev. Davis the Congregational minister arrived - a "fine fellow" in manner. He is with me till he can get lodging to-day. He is not at all discouraged, though a little disappointed - Says he has no doubt that even more can be obtained from abroad for a Congregational church. I shall urge our committee to push forward at once. The Methodist Bishop is here and will occupy the School House Sabbath all day by consent of all. Have my mail sent to Cheyenne, but not to

care of P. R. House.

I. Greely.

New York, June 10, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

On my return, I find your letter (with a basel more) to Mr. F. Poore of April 27th, asking about appropriations for Greely. We have the money, but the contracts must first be executed. I enclose blank for this and also one for Laramie to cover \$3,000. (of which you have \$1,000.) I send both to you to receive proper attention. When they are returned, properly executed and recorded, the money shall be sent. I am so pressed I have no time to say more. I expect to hear from you soon about a pass. Dickson is in the office, and Kendall I suppose is with you.

Yours fraternally,
H. S. Wilson.

(Copy)

Whereas we have learned through Rev. Sheldon Jackson, that the Second Presbyterian Church of Elmira, N. Y., has a fund of \$1300., which they wish to appropriate to the aid of some feeble missionary church or churches for the erection of a house of worship, and

Whereas we learn also that they purpose giving a part of said funds to the Presbyterian Church of Greely, Colorado, therefore

Resolved, That in the present exigency of the Church of Greely, we as a Presbytery do earnestly request the said Church of Elmira, if not inconsistent with other engagements, that the whole of the above amount (\$1300) be given to the said Church of Greely, pledging ourselves to see that the church thus erected shall be secured to the Presbyterian Church according to the rule of the General Assembly.

A true copy from the minutes of the Presbytery of Wyoming, held at Cheyenne, W. T., June 13, 1871.

Evanston recommended for \$1000. from Church Erect-
ion fund.

John F. Stewart recommended to Board - Home Mission -
for commission June 1st, 1871, one year for \$1000., at Evans,
Colorado.

HISTORICAL STATEMENT
of the
Churches Connected with the Presbytery of Wyoming
June 14, 1871, at its Organization.

The Missouri River Presbytery at a meeting in Sioux City, Iowa, September 29, 1869, in connection with the Presbytery of Des Moines and Tr. Dodge appointed Rev. Sheldon Jackson as Superintendent of their missions in Iowa, Nebraska, Dakota, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado. Steps were at once taken to occupy all the principal points as centres of operations.

Rev. John L. Gage was sent by Mr. Jackson to Cheyenne and Laramie and commenced labor in that field May 18, 1869, continuing three months.

On the petition of some of the citizens of Cheyenne, claiming to be Presbyterians, the Missouri River Presbytery appointed Rev. Sheldon Jackson and Rev. John L. Gage a committee to organize a Presbyterian Church at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory. In compliance with said request, the church was organized July 18, 1869, of nine persons who had signed the petition for organization; there were but four present at the meeting for organization.

Rev. Wm. G. Kephart having been commissioned by the Board of Domestic Missions for Cheyenne commenced labors February 1, 1870, supplying the church at Laramie for a few months.

The foundation for a house of worship was laid during the fall of 1869, but the further building was suspended until May 1870, when it was again resumed and with the aid of the Board of Church Erection of the then two Assemblies, together with the Rutgers St. Church of New York City, com-

pleted about the 1st of July and dedicated to the worship of God by public services on the 18th of July, 1870, as the Krebb's Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Laramie Presbyterian Church.

Soon after the organization of the Church at Cheyenne, the same committee, Messrs. Jackson and Gage, visited Laramie City and organized a Presbyterian Church in that place. Mr. G. M. Lancaster was elected Ruling Elder with five members.

Rev. J. L. Gage and Rev. H. P. Peck each labored here in connection with the church at Cheyenne.

In February 1870, Rev. W. G. Kephart having been commissioned for the church at Cheyenne began to preach at Laramie as an occasional supply. Finding that the Ruling Elder had united with the Baptist, it became necessary to elect another. The little church had become reduced by removals to three members.

During the Spring of 1870, Mr. Charles H. Richards was elected Ruling Elder. A Board of Trustees was also elected consisting of Mr. W. H. Richards, Mr. T. Brown, Hon. Peas Kerr, and Mr. Finrock. Steps were also taken toward securing a suitable lot for a church, the Rev. F. L. Arnold having been commissioned for Laramie by the B. F. I. Missions took charge of the church in August, 1870.

Through the Christian liberality mainly of Mrs. Parish of New York City, sufficient funds have been secured for the erection of a neat and commodious house of worship, and the building is now, August 1871, in the process of erection with the prospect of a speedy completion.

The membership has also been considerably increased within the last year, being now

Church of Rawling Springs, W. T.

About the same time Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superin-

tendent of Missions organized a Presbyterian Church at Rawling Springs Wy. Ter., with four or five members, of which Mr. Wilson was elected Ruling Elder and Mr. Hall, trustee. This little church being so far removed from any minister, being 196 miles west of Cheyenne, was but very irregularly supplied with preaching up to the time that Rev. F. L. Arnold took charge of the church at Laramie, during his time with the Rawling's Church.

The first Presbyterian Church along the line of the U. P. R. Road west of Omaha, Nebraska, was erected at Rawling Springs mainly by and from Mrs. Wm. E. Norris and friends, Phila., in 1869, at a cost of about \$2,500.

Under Mr. Arnold's ministration, the church has grown somewhat notwithstanding some untoward circumstances, and now numbers

Presbyterian Church at Corinne, Utah Ter.

Rev. Melancthon Hughs was sent by Rev. Sheldon Jackson to Corinne, Utah Ter. and held the first Presbyterian service in that place June 13, 1869. How long he continued his labors the record at hand does not state.

About the 1st of April 1870, Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Missions, secured the services of Rev. Edward Bayliss who commenced his labors under commission of the B. D. & H. Missions on the 10th of April 1870, occupying the Episcopal Church until July 14, 1870 Rev. Sheldon Jackson and Rev. E. B. Bayliss organized a presbyterian church with ten members, Mr. G. A. Bruce was elected Ruling Elder for one year.

About the middle of August 1870, a lot was secured and arrangements made for immediately building a house of worship, which resulted in the erection of a neat and commodious house of worship (36 x 60 ft.) with a spire 75 feet high at a cost of about -----of which the sum of was paid by the Board of Church Erection.

The organization of the church at Corinne was a notable event, as being the first Presbyterian Church ever organized within the Mormon dominions of Brigham Young, Corinne being _____ miles from the great Salt Lake City.

Chicago, June 16, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear sir:-

A letter received yesterday from Mrs. I. L. Graham, President of the Ladies' Board of Missions, New York City, suggests that applications for missionaries or teachers to be sent to the West, would have some advantages if presented through one of the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions. The Societies here, and in New York, are Auxiliary to the Boards of the church, and it would add much to the interest and prospects of usefulness if they could be brought into the same relations to the Home Board as to the Foreign Board, and become efficient helpers indeed, as well as in word.

Any communication sent to the Secretaries, would be promptly reported to the Auxiliaries, and the probabilities of soon finding and appointing a well qualified individual to act as Missionary, Bible-Reader, or Teacher, as required, would be thereby increased.

It is certain that the ladies' Societies are earnestly looking for opportunities to aid in the work of Home Missions in any way that may seem practicable.

May the dear Lord of the harvest afford light upon this question, and send forth laborers into His harvest. It is believed that many christian women, members of our churches in the East, who cannot for various reasons, go to a Foreign land, would gladly engage as Missionaries in the new States and Territories of our own land if some organized efficient plan for introducing them to needy fields, and sustaining them there, can be carried out. Our Home Missionaries, who need such aid, and could give homes, in their own families or elsewhere to the missionaries or teachers, should make their wants known, and they will meet with generous sympathy and aid. We hope the way will open for a missionary lady at Denver. We think support, entire or in part could be secured without difficulty. If, for any reason yourself, or others interested, prefer to write directly to the Ladies' Boards, you can address Mrs. I. L. Graham, 20 North Washington Square, New York City, or Mrs. Wm. Blair, 230 Michigan Avenue, Chicago. A kind response will be promptly returned.

We have not heard anything further from Corrinne.

My husband wrote to you a few days since. He desires most kindly regards.

Yours in Christ's service,
E. W. Fuliffson,
6 Monroe Building, Chicago.

Princeton, June 16, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear sir:-

You have been named a member of the Committee of Alumni appointed on the Hodge Memorial as stated in the foregoing circular, to act in conjunction with the Committee of the Directors. I hope to hear from you that you will act upon this Committee. It will add to our gratification if you can be present at their first meeting in the College Chapel in Princeton next commencement day (28th inst.) in the intermission between the public services. If not we shall be glad to receive any suggestions from you and you shall be duly notified of the action taken.

Yours truly,
Henry Green.

Laramie, Wyoming Ter.,
June 17, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Bro:-

Please send those plans immediately! I am leaving to-day for Rawlins, and shall preach at Evanston on Monday evening.

I thought it would be better than Friday evening, as notice can be given on the Sabbath. I am encouraged in one thing here, we are having fuller prayer meetings. I trust God by His Spirit is with us; pray for us. Blackburn returns from Chicago this evening.

May God help you and His cause on the Rocky Mountains.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself from us all, I am

Your brother in Christ,
F. L. Arnold.

P. S. Please do not forget the plans. I do not expect to be at home till Wednesday morning.

Yours, etc.,
F. L. A.

Coopertown, N. Y.,
June 20, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear sir:-

I now have the pleasure to hand you check for \$50.,
for the John H. Stuart Memorial Church, as per my letter of
some weeks ago.

Contributed from		
Coopertown Presbyterian S. S.	40.	
Mrs. C. W. Smith	<u>10.</u>	\$50.

If it is proper for this to be included in the "e-
memorial fund" the donors would like to have it thus.

What cause for gratitude to God we have for the
glorious result of the "Memorial fund".

With best wishes for success in all your labors,
W. Neely Capril.

Box 107, Cheyenne, Wyoming Ter.,
Bro. Jackson,
Chicago.

Yours too late received to write to Pittsburg. I
intended writing by morning's mail. Gov. Campbell is away
so I think little can be done toward manipulating the R. E.
Gov will be here soon, is at the mines.

Supt. Snyder is expected in few days and our agent
will assail him.

You can manipulate the C. & N. W. R. R. We have no
one here. But the Methodists got 2/3 rates in Chicago.

Mrs Preshaw joined the Congregationalists and her
father. The Mayor's wife goes with us - And Mrs Preshaw pro-
fesses not to be settled. I have written Mr. Holmes for a
few books and some paper.

You remember Mrs. Hook. Her mother a member of a
Pittsburg Church - Dr. Willson's - She a Lutheran. Her hus-
band was drowned a few days since.

The Congregational minister goes east for money.
We, you and I, will have to assume the responsibili-
ty of plan. Our Committee are non-committal.

Bring plan for seats. I am not sure but that we

will like to have the seats made as soon as contract is let and put into a hall.

The Congregational minister tells all he was or-
dained to this work in Cheyenne.

I tell my people I was fore-ordained from all eternity to my work here.

I remember you in prayer. But brother it is hard for a minister to live in this prayerless community - I feel it. Funnell is here. What is the size of your P. Church? The Methodists here build 35 x 55. The Methodist minister I think throws his sympathy with the Congregationalists from my first meeting him. I suppose I shall have my old experience at Kasson, but I have some good friends here.

The unspoken benedictions of Mrs Hook paid me for all my sacrifices on the R. F. I never knew a family more grateful for pastoral attention.

By the way, I have a brother under the care of Pres. graduating. Health will hardly permit his going to

Corinne, Utah,

June 21, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Rev. Thomas Fraser, Superintendent of Missions in connection with the Synod of the Pacific, came along last Saturday and remained over Sabbath. He was delighted with the work, and wrote a strong letter of endorsement to the Board of Missions. I did not refer to my difficulties. He told Dr. Kendall, that the cause here ought to be well sustained. During his stay he made inquiries in reference to the prospects for a church in Salt Lake City; said that some of the leading men on the Pacific were anxious to have a mission started there, and offered to pay my expenses if I would go down and see how matters stood. He intends co-operating with you for the purpose of getting a good church started in the city, and will probably call upon you as he returns from the east. Last Monday I went down to Salt Lake, and found things in a very hopeful condition. Secretary Black, Judges Hawley and Merrill, Col. Hugh Robertson, attorney at law, Mr. Critchlow, etc., urge the immediate commencement of a Presbyterian Church and say that a good cause, and strong congregation could be built up there. Independence Hall, formerly occupied by the Episcopalians, is now for rent, and we could get it for \$15. the month, if we secure it immediately. Matters would require working up, for at least two or three months, preparatory to organizing. They should have at least one service a week. The city is crowded with gentiles. The hall is commodious, well located, and suitable in every way for our purpose. Now is the time to strike the "vein". Let a month elapse and it is a lost cause. Please write me immediately.

Yours in Christ,

Edward E. Payliss.

Corinne, Utah.

June 26, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Bro:-

I have not, as yet, heard from the petition. But perhaps Kendall was waiting to lay the matter before the Board, which met on the 20th. did it not? The long suspense

is almost intolerable. If I only knew the decision, provision could be made accordingly. Since you were here several individuals have been urging me to start a church in Helena and Deer Lodge Cities, with the assurance that were the two places united in ministerial labor, a good and sufficient salary could be raised on the field. If I should have to leave here, what would you think of the suggestion? Mrs. Hardenbrook informed me that you were intending to visit Montana this month; is that so? Bishop Tuttle is going his rounds in Idaho and Montana. The Catholics are making an effort here now to build a church and schoolhouse; towards which I am informed they have already succeeded in raising over \$2000. in the place. The school is to be undenominational, free and under the supervision of the most liberal minded, tolerant, Sisters of Charity in the world. Pshaw! the old Jesuitical plausibility!

Did you see the Ladies Association in Chicago in reference to paying the travelling expenses of our school teachers? The other day I received \$210.60 from the Memorial fund in answer to my appeals for assistance towards the founding of our Academy.

Our little one has been down quite sick again with a severe cold, which settled on his lungs, but he is now convalescent, I am happy to say.

With kind regards to your family, in which Mrs. Layliss joins.

Your brother in Christ,
Edward E. Layliss.

Cheyenne, 1st July 1871.

Bro. J.

I wish I could be at C. B. today and see Mrs. J. Daisy & Bessie.

Gov. C. is home is at Cheyenne - He has not "pass" forgot it- We'll see his Bro. some time- Did you make arrangement about freight on C. & N.W. F.R.? The Gov. says he will ask for freight on this R.R. but would prefer not to do so for 10 days - our people are anxiously waiting plans-

The R. Ch. will suit all, if not too expensive.

We are troubled about lot- The Gov. selected dikes & secured donation of a lot very nice in itself- But out of town on extreme edge where officials are building.

And it is not an easy matter to get wh. we do want without begging-

Is it policy to pay 4 or 5 hund. Dols. for scd - if others will at all do?

The Cong. have communion next Sabbath-

Do you want a communion service?

If you need a "Con. of Ft." for organization bring one- Bring wh. Book you have of mine- Web. Dict. McCaulays Essays & Newtons sermons I remember-

Our organization will be small- Bro. Davis Cong goes for money and a wife in two weeks-

I have not yet succeeded in securing a room - & it will not be much saving if I do.

I have been locking over town and talking with men about lot-

It would have been setted at once when you left but Gov. sent application for that one & has been away ever since.-

K. A. Funnell has been here, also an evangelist or traveling minister (N.S.) 30 years pastor in Springfield Ill. So we have been a little waked up - Another (There was a Meth.) -a Cottage-prayermeeting was started nominally a union meeting really Cong. & Pres. and "inter nos"- responsibility of it is mainly shifted on me - I do not object- But I see that as issue- You need not ever shew yourself in Chey'ne since your Pittsburg speeches!

That was a good joke -

If any body inquires after me give him 50 cents -

Your's John E. Gage.

P.S. I often thought of you as I bent knee while you were in Pittsburg. Yours of 25th ult. Rec'd to day. Dont. forget my trunk. J. L. G.

Bring Photo. of Bessie. Where is Bro. Lyon - I sent letters to you for Col. Chas. Oswego & Mrs. Brown. Did they suit?

217 Hall St. Brooklyn,
July 3d, 1871.

To Mr. A.W. Taylor.

Dear Bro. in Christ.

Your letter dated June 24th, came to hand on Friday last. I received one from you dated Feby. 27th, which is now before me and which is the last one until this dated June 24th, in which you state that the Revr. Sheldon Jackson had left Utah that morning for a short visit to Brooklyn and New York, that you had given him my address and that he would call on me and Dr. Duryea, and that from him we should hear direct of your work. I was very much pleased to receive such news inasmuch as I thought if Mr. Jackson could see Dr. Duryea himself and perhaps some others in the Church that it would belikely to hurry them on to some action, but up to the time of writing this I have neither seen Mr. Jackson nor have I had any word giving any reason for his non-appearance, so of course I have been waiting and wondering why I had no word. Only on the Sunday previous to receiving your last letter, I spoke to the President of our Missionary Association, relative to your work at Utah, and he said he would see what could be done, but he advised, as many of our families have already left the City for the Summer months, and more are going very shortly, not to take any action in the matter until their return, some time in September. My plan would be to promise nothing that I was not satisfied could be accomplished, and then be as prompt to fulfill the engagement as I should any business transaction, but my experience has been that while business men are very particular to meet their wordly engagements, spiritual matters can be left to any time when it is quite convenient, and in my opinion setting a very bad example to say the least of it, to those who neglect entirely the interests of their immortal souls. I feel forced to write thus because I had supposed that your affair would have been all done up at least a year ago, for although I could promise nothing definitely (as I was very particular in my letters to tell you) having to depend entirely on others, still from what Dr. Duryea had said, together with some of the lead-

ing men of the Church, and the consent of the Session, that a collection should be taken the first convenient opportunity for your benefit, or rather for the Church at Utah, I felt warranted in saying what I did, perhaps it will be well for the Rev. S. Jackson to write a letter to Dr. Duryea, either now or in September when the families return, unless any one should be coming to Brooklyn before long. I shall hope to hear from you as soon as convenient, after you receive this and I will get you to write again in September next, unless you should deem it wise to write in the interval. Hoping that affairs will be ultimately arranged to your entire satisfaction, and that you may see the work of the Lord prospering in your hands in the addition of many souls to Christ, of whom it shall be recorded - lo these were born there, - that your life and health may be precious in the eyes of our Master and that patience and perseverance may be yours in carrying on this grand work, is the prayer of

Yours in the Lord,

William W. Sterling.

P.S. I expect unless something unforeseen transpires, to stay here till May next.

Elmira, N.Y.

Greeley.

July 3d, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your letters were duly received. I laid them before the Session of the Church, & also those outside of the Session who had contributed to any considerable amount.

Yesterday it was decided to send the Church at Greeley, \$1000. We send the money to you because we know nobody at Greeley - You will please see that it reaches them, & procure for us a receipt from the proper authorities.

I sincerely hope this will enable them to build a comfortable house of worship - & may our Heavenly Father abundantly bless the enterprise & make it a power for good in the midst of the West.

Yours very truly,

W. M. Sherwood.

Colorado City,

July 3, 1871.

Dr. Bro. Jackson:

I have 50 objections to going to Canon, (1) my horse is dead. (Shall I mention the other 49? silence gives consent.) (II) If I had a horse, the distance is too great -

50 mi. over a bad road. (III) I can & do spend my vacant sal. on the Divide, at Pueblo, or Mr. Irvine. (IV) After M.E. Conference I expect to preach every 2nd Sab. at C.C.

(V). From personal acquaintance, I should prefer going to the Mexican settlements, than to Canon !! (VI). From what I could see, there is no use of one of our Ministers going there at present. The town is possibly twice as large as C.C. with less population in the country about it. Come & see for yourself. (VII). Canon is badly disintegrated, and whoever goes there - I hope no one will - must fight all the other element. (VIII). I saw Mr. Watkins last week - I hope you will see him in Denver soon. He says there is nothing for us to work on at Canon. A small sparring town with 4 chs. already. The families that came with him are 27 in from the town.

(IX). I called on Mrs. Macon and Mrs. Harrison, Presbyterians, some 4 or 6 weeks ago. But they acted so indifferent toward me that I did not call on them last week.

Bro. W. said Mrs. Harrison's son, who had tho't of studying for the Ministry in our Church, had been persuaded to join the M.E. Church, & was going to conference to be licensed. The Harrison family would probably become Methodists. I accidentally met Mrs. C. T. Smith - she looked like Pres. and seemed a pleasant lady.

(X). It is not at all certain that the R.R., will go nearer Canon than Pueblo. Palmer is opposed to going there, and has dismissed Chief Engineer Greenwood, because he insisted on going up the Arkansas. Mr. Poles - Mr. Douglas' son-in-law - told me he heard Palmer say the above last week. (XI). I doubt whether there are any outside points which we could link with Canon, unless the R.R. goes there. I will give the remaining 39 objections when I see you.

Mr. Lowrie seems to be succeeding finely at Golden. Send him to Canon - if you insist on sending any one - he has had practice in fighting. But he will have no Denver to run to for sympathy or direction, or books. We are disappointed that you do not come down. We shall be happy to see you at your earliest convenience. I have not heard from the Board. Have not reported this quarter. Will not the new Commission date from April 1st? What think you of my remaining here another year? I want to see you about it soon. Would it not be better for you to see Canon before you send a man there? When do you start for the Mountains?

Remember me to all yours,

Aff'ly. Yours in Christ.

B. Gage.

Omaha, Neb.
July 3, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson-

I have your letter. I can only say that Esterbrook's damages look large. But if on consultation with business men you think you cannot do any better pay him at the best rates you can make, for we can't afford a law-suit & let me have the final bill. I think I will let you charge one third of it in these two quarters as travelling expenses & I will pay the rest charging perhaps half to the Board. I will be able to remit to you as soon as I reach New York.

2. The telegram that went up to Cheyenne meant as we conjectured to Laramie & return to Omaha! Davis & Perrine's message went up but too late for us. But they have refunded 1/2 fare from C. & give me half fare to Chicago via. Rock Island R.R. the road I wanted.

3. There is an old acquaintance of mine in Denver, who used to be a school boy of Mrs. Kellow- named Sagre - where does he go to church?

4. Judge Foote of Geneva N. Y. leaves two children in Denver on account of health - a son- & a daughter - The daughter is intimate with Miss Jarvis, who has lived with the Bishop & is just married - & hence they may go to the Epis. Church- But they are Presbyterians- & should be looked after.

5. There is a man here named Minor, a Congl. Minister from Wis. out of health who is on his way to "Central" - has been written to by Mr. Buwell of that place. So that our "well-formed" plans about Lown's may all fail.

We go on this P.M. Give kindest regards to Mrs. J. & Daisy & Little Bessie- Hope she got home all right- Thank you for those papers. In haste- Yours truly H. Kendall.

Cheyenne, 6th July - 1871.

Bishop J.

Yours of 1st Recd. We look for you next week-- Please try and be here on Fri. You can help me with some families wh. are not decided to unite with us - also can assist with business men and finances-

You are Sprintendent of Missions for North West!! And they think you are a big man!

(Dont tell your wife- It will make her proud of Supt!!) Position does give influence and I know impression you

left here was very favorable for Pres.

I have plated to tell you- It is fine weather here- cool nights- and warm but not so very hot by day- I have enjoyed my two fourths- Sat. & Mon. very much- most of people took three! I am liking it better and better here-

Mr. Jones is in C. Bluffs- I want him to unite with us- Ask Bro. Cleland to speak to him-

Sat. I went out on R.R.- Mon. a party went 18 miles over land! and returned without meeting Indians. I suppose such trips are not really most prudent ventures. But we had a good time and a good dinner-

I will write as often as Spirit moves-

Yours John L. Cage.

Regards to wife and little ones-

P.S. A note is just now handed me offering me the use of Episcopal Church free. Every Sabbath Evening! This is a very High Ch. rector too- But we have been good friends fr. first- You will preach for once in Epis. Church!! God is good-

CHURCH ERECTION,

Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
(ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,)
P. O. BOX No. 3863.

New York, July 6th, 1871.

My Dear Br. Jackson

On yesterday I read your letter of the 26th ult and reply, that of July 1st with return pass. I have been hurrying up matters so as to get off as soon as possible. You're of the 6th proposes that I defer my trip until the last of August so as to meet with your Pres. & Synod, and your later letter expressed regret that I can not come sooner. I have called a meeting of the Bd. for next Monday the 10th and will start west in a day or two after. Dr. Dickson may be ready to go the last of next week. If so, I may wait a day or two for him. But if he can not leave until the week after, I will not wait on him, as I must be back by the middle of August, if I get off next week, so as to reach Omaha before Sab., I will expect to find a letter there care of John Meredith Esq. telling me where you will meet me on the road. I wish my pass reached to San Francisco. I leave you to make the program. I want to go to Georgetown for certain. I will do what I can with the Bd. but do not think they will make any appropriation in the absence of an application, but I think on my return, if

I find things as I expect, they will do liberally. The effort for Ruliffern, was an utter failure. I have no time to write more at present.

Yours fraternally

H. R. Wilson.

My pass wont carry me on the Denver road. Will it?

Central City, Colorado.
July 7th 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

I have just sent you a dispatch saying to you that A minister from the East a candidate for this pastorate had arrived (rather unexpectedly) and that he would preach for us on Sunday. I found that the Trustees would not be willing to divide up the day with you and as this man will be here for a few Sabbaths at least I thought it not a favorable time for you to effect what you was designing to do during your visit here, and so I thought it best to give you the information and then if you thought best to come up we would be glad to see you.

I have no idea that this man will be retained as paster, and if not I think things will gradually grow more satisfactory, and if he should not stay when he leaves will be a good time to propose something else. Those who are in the habit of attending worship at our Church are becoming impatient and will soon bring sufficient pressure to bear to effect something one way or another. If you should postpone your visit here at this time, we will be glad to have you come at some future time. I have said nothing whatever in regard to your intentions and I think they are not known or even surmised and yet I think the acting Trustees are afraid to have you come and preach, and yet dare not refuse without a good excuse which this mans unexpected arrival afforded at this time. This man was one with whom they had been corresponding but they were not expecting him to come at least so soon. His name is Miner & he is from Wisconsin. I don't know the town.

Yours respectfully,

A. J. VanDeren.

P.S.

I will apprise you of any new development in the Missions here.

Denver, Colorado, July 9th, 1871.

Mrs. M. E. Roberts:

I was glad to receive your letter of July 2d, as it gives me an opportunity of perhaps correcting some misapprehensions that you may have. Permit me to say at the outset that I feel a very deep interest in your work & also in the place, for I have been there & seen its heathenism with my own eyes, have published to the world everything that I could get hold of in favor of your school. Also permit me to say that not having known personally anything against you, I have been prejudiced in your favor, feeling a warm interest in you personally, as I do in all Missionaries whether I have the pleasure of their acquaintance or not. Let me further say that when Dr. Lowrie states, that I have stood in the way of your husband receiving a commission in the past, & that if he receives one in the future it must be through me, he states what is not true. I heard last fall, what he had been saying about me.

Still further my position of agent gives no authority or power over the missions at all except advisory. Sometimes the Bd follow my advice & sometimes they do not.

Now with regard to Laos. I gave the Bd all the information I had as to population, resources, character of country, &c., & would have rejoiced to have seen them occupy it. I also told them what I had heard with reference to your husband both for & against, for I had heard from different parties, at the same time stating that I knew nothing except from hear say. If I have wronged you in this matter I am ready to make any suitable amends. I also offered the Board to visit Laos & investigate the matter if they wished. And if the financial panic had not come on Dr. Dickson & myself would have made you a visit last Feb.

But the trouble is not so much a personal one, as a question of policy. I do not say this officially, but am giving my own opinion of the case. It may be correct & it may not.

If there had never been any question raised as to your husbands adaptations to the work, still I do not think he or any one else would have been com^d at Laos.

In the 1st place the Bd are so straitened for funds, that they will hesitate a long while before they will take up a field calling for \$1000 to \$1500 a year from their funds, with the prospect of having to carry it a number of years. They reason that the same outlay will accomplish more in another portion of the country, & as they have not the funds to carry on the work everywhere, that therefore they must use a

wise discretion & place it where it will accomplish the greatest results. For this reason I do not think they look very favorably on work among the Mexicans. 2d.--They have nothing to do with schools. And this is a large part of the Mexican work. 3d.--I do not think they have definitely determined in their own minds, what they would like to do in New Mexico. I have again & again urged them to take up the work the same as the Foreign Bd^d is doing in Old Mexico. But they have not yet seen their way clear to do it. There are so many difficulties & perplexities in the work, that I do not think they know just what to do, and consequently are unwilling to make any movement forward. I am not sure, but my impression is that they offered to put Mr. Roberts in commission if the Ladits would pay the salary. My own impression is that neither Mr. Roberts or any one else will be commissioned at Laos, for the reasons above given. Still it is only an opinion. I have felt very sorry for you in your long months of waiting, but as I did not (and do not know now) that you will not be commissioned I did not feel at liberty to advise you to leave.

But when you are satisfied that you can not stay longer, I would advise your applying to the For. Bd^d for your expenses east.

It will give me great pleasure to write to you several parables when you indicate, and believe me, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding, as feeling a deep interest in your welfare, and even ready to help you in any way practicable.

Very respectfully,
Sheldon Jackson.

Valmont, Colorado, July 9th, 1871.

Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D.,
30 Vesey St., N. Y.

Dear Bro.:

Failing to see you while here I write to say (1) that I am preaching at Valmont and at the Upper St. Vrain Crossing (4 miles west of Longmont.)

2. Have preached something more than a year at the latter place and a half year at Valmont.

3. Have received about \$200.00 in cash & "produce".

4. Supplement my salary by hauling lumber and by other manual labor.

5. Would like to devote my entire time to the work of the ministry.

6. If I were commissioned by your Board with a suffi-

cient salary, I would preach four or more times a week, (at Valmont, Erie, Longmont, & westward to the Mts.)

7. Our Presbyterian Com. declined to recommend me to your Board for a Comⁿ to the Valmont Cd. on the ground that 1. your Board was out of funds & 2. the people had made such liberal provision for me. The "Provision" however is not sufficient except as supplemented by my labor during the week.

8. Longmont will be an important point, Valmont may "sometime amount to something".

9. A few minutes past 9 o'clock on the morning of your departure from the City a son of Judge Houseal came to my place and notified me that you would be in Valmont between 8 & 9 o'clock. I went over to Valmont which place I reached at 9 only to find that you had passed thro' on your way to Erie. This was my first notice of your presence in our vicinity. 'T would have given me much pleasure to have made your acquaintance.

10. Colorado (as you know) is "bound to grow".

Wishing you all good and desiring (for myself) to be of some use in the world, I am Sir,

With very much respect, yours,
Chas. M. Campbell.

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BLANK BOOK MANUFACTURER,
50 Main Street,

Galesburg, Ill., July 17, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a draft for Eleven & 70/100 Dollars (\$11.70) being the amount contributed for the month of June, by the Presbyterian Sunday School. Please acknowledge receipt of same & oblige,

Yours very truly,

J. M. Colville.

Secy. Pres. S. S.

Chayenne, 21 July, 1871.

Bro. J.:

Nothing in the Pres. about the excursion. Mrs. Brown writes a letter full of flourishes about our grand & glorious work, promises, sympathy & prayers. Encloses a check for \$50 & the rest will come in time. I am comfortably settled. Mrs. Hook & others made my carpet & help arrange furniture.

I feel not very bright to-day. Our new R. R. Supt. Hammond, supercedes Snyder. I heard promised the Cong. \$100 & dead head freight. I knew him in Chicago at a man well disposed as Supt. of B. & Q. R. R.

Bro. John L. Gage.

Trenton, July 27, 1871.

My dear Bro.:

My eldest son Dr. Janeway, Surgeon U. S. Army, has just gone to Fort Hays, near Hays City. He & his wife are members of the Church. They write their chaplain is Unitarian & there is no preaching at Hays City, "where Laman's seal is". He is in your bishopric. Can't you drop in at the Fort & cheer them up? Can't you do something for them spiritually. I write not as one having authority, the scepter has departed, but I write to a brother beloved & one ready for all good work. He may be at our port for two or three years & we hope something may be done for their comfort spiritually. I know you will do all you can. I had joy in your activity & that you are appreciated no more. It will not be prudent to write.

Yours affectionately,
Thomas L. Janeway.

Rev. S. Jackson.

HOME MISSIONS,
Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
(ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,)
P. O. BOX No. 3263.

New York, July 27, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Enclosed please find \$160. I made a mistake in one of the indorsements, but it will not vitiate the paper I suppose. I think we must learn the lesson anew, never to hire a team without the driver.

We came on according to programme, stopping over at Omaha

for the Sabbath. Had good talks with Stewart, Dimmick & Cleland. I suppose you are having a good time with Dr. Wilson now.

At our last meeting we added \$250 to Gage, & \$300 to Rice. We will wait for Lowrie till we know something more about the Central City movement. For, I saw a man at Omaha that was on his way out to supply there. Then still another man has been in this Office to inquire about it since I came back & said he had been written to about coming out. So that thus far matters seem mixed. We shall send Commission to Broome in a day or two. The latest news from Dickson is that he is sick at Hamburg, Iowa.

My son who graduated last week has joined a party of excursionists & gone out West. They may come to Denver. If so, I have requested him to give you a call, & will you in that case indicate to him the "lions" that he must see.

Notwithstanding the inglorious issue of our trip to Gray's Peak, I have urged them all to make the ascent.

Tell Bro. Arnold that he could not be more sorry than we were not to have visited L. Ch. Yes, we granted Stewart his Com. at Evans & Gurly.

These excursionists are all newspaper correspondents. My son has a class-mate & if you could help them to any favors by rail or stage, if they should come out, it would be a favor to them & us. And now Dear Brother, take our thanks again to yourself & Mrs. Jackson for your kindness to us, while in Denver. I am glad we were able to make Mrs. J.'s acquaintance & the little children, God bless them. How are they? Don't forget that photograph of Bessie, with her thumb in her mouth.

Mrs. K. is at Bloomfield.

Yours truly,
H. Kendall.

New York, July 31st, 1871.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

On my return from the Country I find your letter containing \$10. paying for one hundred Memorial Boxes sent to you by Rev. Mr. Ruliffen. I think that the Boxes that you have distributed have done finely and I trust they will continue the good work. As a Society we failed to get as full a report of the work of the Boxes as we desired, yet we know they did good service for our Church in its Memorial work.

Yours truly,
Mrs. C. P. Harris.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Historical Statement.

In accordance with the direction of the Board of Home Missions Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for the Rocky Mountain Territories, visited Salt Lake City July 1st 1871, to ascertain if the time had come for the establishment of a mission. After all necessary investigations at the time by Mr. Jackson & afterwards by Rev. Cyrus Dickson, D.D. Secretary of the Board of Missions, the way was found prepared and Rev. Josiah Welch under appointment for Montana Territory was transferred to Salt Lake to commence the new mission. Mr. Welch arrived & took charge 1871.

HOME MISSIONS,

Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
(ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,)
P. O. BOX No. 3862.

New York, Aug. 1, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have good news for you. Welch has Montana on the brain & heart so bad that we have concluded to appoint him & let him go. At least I have no doubt we shall appoint him next Tuesday. He hopes to be ready to go some time in Sept. Now, that we have made up our minds to try on Montana-either, at once or as soon as he gets there & reports how he finds things we must send in a man or two more. I give you Welch's address, 498 W. Fayette St. Baltimore, where he can be addressed till the 21 inst. After that, we shall probably be able to hit him from this office. I think you had better write him & post him as to time - route - persons in M. &c. &c.

There can be no objection to your taking a vacation in Sept. to visit the Synod of the Pacific I presume. You must exercise your own judgment as to whether you will try to arrange with Welch to meet him & go with him to Montana either before or after that trip. Doubtless you can also go to Minn. when you will. Now again, Rev. Geo. W. Martin, of the Class of Col. Servis & others sends me the enclosed letter. He don't look as tho' he ought to die, tho' probably he cannot work at once. But he is a capital fellow & has a beautiful wife & I shall hope after a little may be able to work. It may be to make the mountain region his home. I shall give him a letter of introduction to you & hope he may hit you in your excursion but that is hardly probable. He is a capital fellow & if restored far more of a man than Bayless or Brown & would do capitally any where he can be used. If he proves able for partial work this fall, in any part of your field, we should very cheerfully render him partial pay.

By the way Brown writes that Roberts of Smartville Cal. is coming to Elmo. I sent your letter about Salt Lake to Dr. Dickson & begged him to look at the place with his own eyes.

Mrs. Robbins of Elmo has just written my wife that she & her husband may be called soon to change their residence to Salt Lake. That would be bad for Elmo, but excellent for starting a church at Salt L. City.

That paper with a portion of Gray's Peak came safely. I forwarded to her who will prize it beside her cactus which she concealed from me & bro't it in her satchel & didn't let me know it till we got home!

I did not know of the death of Easterbrocke's son till you alluded to it.

Yours truly,
H. Kendall.

Pueblo Colorado.
August 1st, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dr. Sir:

We thought probably you would have been down some time this summer but as it is drawing near the time for Presbytry, and Mr. Gage told me you intended going to the mountains next week, I suppose we will not see you until Presbytry meets. I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along. We have had preaching quite regularly all summer with the exception of a few times that Mr. Adams was unavoidably absent. We also have prayer meeting every Wednesday evening, and we have quite a nice Sabbath School, all of which I think denotes progress since you were here last. As a general thing the attendance at preaching is very small, few go but those that really take an interest in the Presbyterian Church and are anxious to see it succeed. Mr. Adams I believe is doing the best he can. As a man I think he is liked well enough, but not as a minister. I know of quite a number that say they like the Presbyterian Church but will not go to hear Mr. Adams. I am sorry to have to tell you the above for I would not willingly do anything to injure Mr. Adams, but I thought it best to let you know the whole truth. Mr. Adams health has been much better this summer. We are to have Communion next Sabbath. Mr. Irvin I believe intends to be down. Mr. Adams expects the new organ in the course of a week or so. As it is but a short time until Presbytry and I suppose we will see

you then - it is not necessary that I should write a very lengthy letter. We are all quite well and I hope yourself and family are enjoying the same blessing. Mr. Lowther desires to be remembered.

Respectfully Yours
E. A. Lowther.

Santa Fe New Mexico.
Aug. 2- 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Your esteemed favor of 11th ult. recd. in due time. Was glad to hear from you. Was rejoiced in reading proceedings of Assembly to learn of the formation of the new Presbytery, and consequently the new Synod of Colorado. Nothing of the kind would delight me more, than to meet with Synod at the time and place designated. Yet no man can overcome impossibilities. I waited answering your letter until Bro. McElroy, whom Dr. Lowrie wrote me would be here about the first of this month, would come hoping that I might be able to leave home long enough to attend the meeting of Synod Bro. McElroy, with wife and two children are with me, but he expects to leave the first of next week to visit Albuquerque, Peralta, and perhaps Socorro, in order to determine the best place to locate and begin his mission. Hence until his location is determined upon it would not be advisable for me to be absent from home. But this of itself might not hinder me. The great hinderance, is the absence of Mrs. McFarland, who is now in West Va. visiting her Sick Mother. I do not expect her return much before the first of October. Hence in her absence the care of looking after household affairs and three Mexican children during vacation devolves upon me. An addition to this, our School is advertised to open on the Second Monday of next month. I have not yet secured certainly, an assistant Teacher, in Miss Mallory's place who has returned home to Staten Island, and should I get the one expected, she may not be here in time to take charge of the School, and hence I must go into the School myself until she does come. So you see the impossibilities in the way of my attendance. Pray that God may be graciously present with all the Brethren who may enjoy the privilege of meeting in Synod. Could you not meet in Santa Fe at the next meeting? I extend a cordial

invitation to that effect. With kindest regards to you and all the Brethren.

D. F. McFarland.

Cheyenne 4 Aug.

Bro. Jackson.

I have an appointment Sat. at LaPort 40 miles distant - go in Mrs. Hook buggy- I will aim to return Mon. & make Laramie Tues.

I have check from Janeway for you \$350. I acknowledged receipt-

Will leave it with Thompson.

Have \$500. from Wood - Pittsburg.-

Will see you Tues. if nothing prevents -

I have little doubt that I shall wish to change my field - Good bye Cheyenne

John Le Gage.

You may leave me \$100 in bank if you want to! Rodgers & Co. Bank.

Philada Aug. 5th, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for Fifty Dollars, amount appropriated by Clinton St. Pres. Sunday School to the work under your care.

I had sent this check originally on May 10th but by mistake addressed it to Santa Fe- before it was returned I was taken with a bad attack of typhoid fever, from which I am just recovering, which will explain the difference in dates.

Please advise the Sunday School of the disposition you may make of this money & acknowledge receipt to

Yrs Respy,

George F. Dewey,
246 Market St.

V. W. Middleton.

(Phila. July 20/71.

(Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir,

In regard to the money voted by our Sabbath school, to aid you in the good work you are engaged in, I can only say that it may be some months before it can be sent on. The Treasurer and Secretary Mr. Dewey has been dangerously ill for the last month and is now absent from the city & will be, until the fall. Mr. Mears is also away, and most of the teachers, so that no action can be taken about it for some time yet. Trusting you may be encouraged in your labours for the good cause, by receiving temporal means to carry it on, as well as by the prayers of Gods people, I remain,

Very sincerely
your friend

No. 120 N 19 St.)

E. Earle.)

Newark N.J. August 7th, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a check for Fifty dolls. as Memorial offering to you from Third Pres. Ch. Sunday School of Newark, N.J.

This should have been forwarded you sooner, but owing to the treasurers not having your address, and his forgetfulness to enquire, when in a position to know it the check has been delayed. Hoping it will be none the less acceptable coming so late, and praying that your enterprise may be abundantly blessed of God I remain,

Yours Truly

R. S. Grannon,
Treas'r. 3d Pres. C.S.S.

Rochester, Minn.

Aug. 9, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

With your permission the contents of this letter are between ourselves. After thinking over the matter carefully I have decided to leave this place as soon as I find another field in which there is a prospect of my being useful. - The Church is becoming more and more weakened by emigration. Ever since my coming it has been undergoing this process of depletion. Within a few weeks Mr. Watson and family have left, also John Eyala and family, and Mrs. Fletcher and her daughter Jennie. And Joe Allen (who has united with the church) and Major Hamilton and his wife and Mrs. Knapp are expecting to leave soon. On the other hand - none are coming in to take the places of those who are going out. Business is dull and no prospect of the place growing for some time to come.

(Under these circumstances I feel it to be my duty to seek another field of labor. So many leaving tends to discourage those who remain, And this is especially the case on account of the heavy debt resting on the church. The members have held together nobly. So far as I know they are as harmonious and united today as they were when I came. But I feel, that as things are I would have a poor chance to do much in the future. I think that I could do much more in some other place. I feel very sorry that I have not been able to accomplish more in paying off the debt. But you know how unfavorable the times have been. And with the church losing by removals, there has not been the state of things which would permit any very successful movement in that direction. I feel very sorry to think of making a change. With my family it is no small matter. But I think it is due to myself if the way permits me to do so.-)

My object in writing to you is two fold. In the first place it was through your very kind agency that I came here. And therefore when I think of leaving it seems proper that I should inform you of the reason. And then in the second place, I thought it was barely possible that in your correspondence you might learn of some "door of entrance" through which I might find a situation. I suppose my circumstances would not permit me to enter any of the fields in that direction. If I could receive a sufficient support for my family

I believe -on account of my health- I would be willing to itinerate for a year or so, leaving my family here. My health is better than when I came here, but a year of that kind of work would be perhaps a great help. Still I have no idea, that there would be any opportunity for me to do that.

If however you should hear of a church needing a pastor in any part of the Country, and should have an opportunity to mention my name I would appreciate the favor. - I have not forgotten my indebtedness to you for past favors and also my pecuniary indebtedness for things purchased of you. But really, the time has never been when I could cancel the obligation.-

You can appreciate why I should prefer, that the contents of this letter should not become known so as to reach here. Just as soon as I have the prospect of another field I will inform the people here in order that they may move for some one in my place. But it is not best perhaps to mention it just yet. I hope you and family are well. Was sorry not to see you more at the Assembly. But no chance. My health is greatly improved since my vacation at that time. I write two sermons this hot weather and rather enjoy it - two sermons a week I mean. Remember me very kindly to your good wife.

Your friend
J. T. Klein.

Union Springs, N. Y.
Aug. 10th, 1871.

Sheldon Jackson-

Dear Brother-

I received your note of June 29th in good time. At your request I will say:

I was commissioned June 10th 1868 to go as a Missionary to Black Hawk. I arrived there July 6th 1868. I left July 10th 1869. I preached my first sermon July 12th. 1868. My last July 4th. 1869. While I was here I received into the church 29 persons - 21 by profession - 8 by letter. I baptised 17 adults, & 7 children. Among the adults was an old man aged 75 years. I married 3 couple & officiated at 8 funerals. We had our communions once in two months. Not a communion pass-

ed but some united with the church. At my first communion there were 7; at the second 3; at the third 1; at the fourth 3; at the fifth 8; at the sixth 7. My sixth communion was on July 4th 1869 - my last Sabbath at Black Hawk.

I enjoyed my work very much indeed I always found men & women & children willing to listen to public preaching, & private conversation on the subject of religion. I only regret that anything should have come between me & my chosen work at that place so that I felt it best to give up.

Praying that you may do a noble church work in the far west permit me to subscribe myself

Very Truly Your Bro. in Christ,
Albert F. Lyle.

Office of CARR & COLVILLE,

BLANK BOOK MANUFACTURERS,
BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
Nos. 40 & 42 East Main Street.

Galesburg, Ill., Aug. 15, 1871.

Rev. S. J. Jackson
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find draft for Eight & 28/100 dollars being the amount of the contributions of the Presby. Sunday School for the month of July. With best wishes

Yours Very Respy.

James M. Colville.

HOME MISSIONS,
 Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
 (ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,)
 P. O. BOX No. 3863.

New York, Aug. 16, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson-

I sent your letter about Salt Lake City to Bro. Dickson. He called there & greatly impressed with the importance of taking possession there at once.

Welch we had just appointed for Montana. I then sent him your letter & Dr. D's.

You see what he says- My judgment is that he had better stop at Salt Lake at least for awhile & try it. But I want you to get in communication with him & go with him there & you & he determine on the ground whether to stop there or go farther.

I have written to W. to put himself so in communication with you that you can meet tho I hope you have written him also.

I have had a long letter from Rev. Norman McLeod who owns the chapel at Salt Lake - a letter about Scotch Colonization as for the North Pacific R.R. You will see part of his letter in the next "Record". But he does not reside where you said he did.

I hope my son found time to call on you this week in Denver. I suppose he is in Col. this week-

Yours truly

H. Kendall.

Greeley Weld County Colorado.

We the undersigned do form ourselves, into a religious society which shall be known as the

First Presbyterian Society
 of Greeley

The objects and purposes of this society: are, to build and maintain Churches Parsonages and Graveyards: its place of business Greeley; Weld County; Colorado: its existence to be perpetual: its officers shall consist of three Trustees to hold office three years each Trustee to be elected by vote of the society, as the preceding one goes out of office.

The Trustees who shall hold the first term of office and the date of expiration of their respective terms of office are as follows Eli Hall term of office to expire the first Saturday in May 1872 Harvey Platt term of office to expire- the first Saturday in May 1873 William F. Thompson term of office to expire the first Saturday in May 1874.

William F. Thompson.
Eli Hall.
Lewis W. Teller
James K. Thompson.

I, F. L. Childs Esq., a Justice of the Peace in and for said County in the Territory aforesaid do hereby certify that William F. Thompson Eli Hall Lewis W. Teller and James K. Thompson are personally known to me as the persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed instrument appeared before me this day, in person, and acknowledged that they signed the said instrument in writing as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth August 25th, 1871.

F. L. Childs Justice of the Peace.

Aug. 25, 71.

Office of W. F. Thompson,
LUMBER DEALER,
Main Street,
Greeley, Colorado, Aug. 26, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir

Enclosed find paper of our incorporation I made it in Duplicate: will put one on file at Evans.

We are now prepared to begin work on the building: we have concluded to build on the original lots. You can remit the funds in your possession to me; I am treasurer of the Society.

Resp
W. F. Thompson

The size of the house we have thought best to build is 24 = 40 14 foot posts.

V. W. Middleton.

Longmont, Col.

Aug. 31st, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,
Denver, Col.

Dear friend:

I received yesterday your check for \$103.25, sent me by Egbert. Thank you for your promptness in sending it to me. I am much pleased with my field and trust that God is going to bless my labors in it. I expect to be in Denver next Friday or Saturday when I hope to see you. In haste.

Yours sincerely,

Edward M. Deems.

Phila. Aug. 31, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

On the 5th inst. I wrote to you enclosing check for Fifty Dollars, on account of Clinton St. Pres. Sunday School.

I have received no acknowledgment of the same, although the letter has not been returned. If you have received it please to send receipt & oblige,

Yours respy.,

Geo. F. Dewey,

246 Market St.

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Sep. 5, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have just received a letter from Dr. Lowrie, authorizing me to secure an Assistant to take charge of the church part of the Mission here in Santa Fe. At last the Board seems disposed to render me some help, but not before I have been completely broken down from being overtaxed in trying to establish a Mission in this place.

I write to inquire if you can direct me to a suitable man for this place. He should be an acceptable preacher, and whose heart is in the work to win souls to Christ. Would prefer a young or unmarried man, who will board with us to the close of this school year, in June next. Or, if such an one cannot be had, as I want him, to come immediately, if a man

will come and spend the winter, a young man from some of the Seminaries, suitable for this field, may be had in the Spring to locate here permanently. I write to you, as well as to others, as you in your position may be acquainted with the very man suitable for this place.

I want an Assistant at once, as I am utterly unable to do the work of the church, and give the attention necessary to our School enterprise. This will be the more apparent to you when I tell you, what you perhaps already know, that the Military people here, have at last secured a Minister to preach for them, who has opened a Select School, on yesterday in one of the Government buildings, and of course, will take some of the scholars that would have attended our School, and to some extent, the support. I will have to go into school on Monday next, until our Teachers, we expect, to come with Mrs. McFarland, arrive, which may not be for more than a month.

If you can tell of a suitable Minister, and have him write to me, or give me his address, I will arrange for his salary this Winter.

Please answer immediately, as I must have some assistance at the earliest moment.

Hope you had a pleasant and profitable meeting of our new Synod. I am sorry I could not have met with you. Where do you meet next year?

Hoping to receive an answer by return mail, I am as ever, most

Truly Yours,

D. F. McFarland.

Bellefonte, Pa. Sep. 11/71.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your letter for the ladies will be laid before them soon, & box made up. Session last night met & voted you the \$300. for Books. How many did you get - When and how shall I send the balance - by mail I guess.

You may write & acknowledge after you get the balance. I think there were not 300 in the box - Were they? After seeing them would you do me the favor of dropping a line & telling me how they suit?

O what a field is that great West! May the Lord strengthen & guide & bless you in all your work.

Tell Bro. Brown, I nearly went in on time last Aug. & hope to altogether some day.

Forever yours, W. J. Wylie.

CHURCH ERECTION,
 Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
 (ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,)
 P. O. BOX No. 3863.

New York, Sept. 11th, 1871.

My dear Br. Jackson-

The Board met at 2 P.M. and continued in session until 4 1/2 but our time was so much occupied by Borers that we adjourned without passing a single appropriation. I put the application for Evanston Ch. into the hands of the Comt. on applications (as every application has to pass through their hands before it reaches the Board) and they decided that they could not recommend more than \$600 as the Chartered rule expressly says we must not grant more than one third the amount of the entire cost of the building. With this amt. they can not get through unless you or I can find some person or Church willing to give \$400. I do not know of any at present. Do you? I have just had an answer from Mt. Clair Ch. in relation to aid for Georgetown. They say Dr. Berry is absent - will be back soon. Their Ch. took up a collection of \$300 for Georgetown which they have not yet sent. When Dr. Berry comes home, they will send this money to us, but do not know any thing about any more. I fear you have been too sanguine in your expectation of \$1000 for him for Georgetown.

Excuse a hasty note.

Yours truly,

H. R. Wilson.

Berry & Georgetown; Communications for Record.

CHURCH ERECTION,
 Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
 (ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,)
 P. O. BOX No. 3863.

New York, Sep. 11th, 1871.

Bro. Jackson

Father has just handed me a letter to put in an envelope for you, as he is called up town on business.

As I glanced over his letter it occurs to me I can help you out. Mr. J. R. Hill one of the warm friends of our work in N.Y. promised \$500 to help a Church to think of building at St. James, Min. He came into the office yesterday & said he thought they had better wait until next Spring to see what kind of a house they need there & how the place develops. He will still give the \$500 through our board & I can easily get him to turn it over to Evanston. I shall see him to-

morrow & write you again.

Let us hear from you frequently & write something for our monthly record.

I hope after awhile to be with you west laboring again.

Yours in haste.

W. P. Wilson, Jr.

CHURCH ERECTION,

Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,

(ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,)

P. O. BOX No. 3863.

New York, Sept. 15th, 1871.

My dear Dr. Arnold,

Yours of the 9th has just reached me. It grieves me to repeat what I have already communicated that the Comt. on applications (through whose hands every application must go before it reaches the Board) refused to recom^d for Evans-
tone more than \$600. because that is one third of the estimated cost of the building, as this is the rule-the estimated cost of the building being only \$1800. The Bd had such a crowd of business on hand, they did not act upon any of the 25 applications which I put into the hands of the Comt. on applications. We adjourned to meet again on next Monday, so that before this reaches you, the Bd will have acted upon your case. The comt. will only recommend \$600. I will try to get \$700 and if I can find some generous person to make up the dificity, I will do so. In the mean time I will (as soon as the Bd acts) send the Trustees a blank Mortgage to execute, for the amt. the Bd may grant, so that they can get the money without delay. When you go there, explain this to the Trustees & tell them if they can manage to carry the balance of \$300 or 400 for a while I will try to raise it. I was not aware that the estimated cost would be put down at only \$1800 and so calculated too largely upon the Board. I have my hands & heart both full my Dr. Br. and need strength & grace from above to assist me. Pray for me.

Yours fraternaly

H. R. Wilson.

Beloit, Wis. Sept. 18, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.

I am urged to remove to Colorado, and should the way be clear, take charge of the church of Greeley. My sons, who are members of that church, are anxious that I should.

I am very much at a loss to know what is the path of duty. It seems the church has a stated supply appointed in July last by the Board of Home Missions; and, if I am correctly informed, is now supplying the pulpit. But they inform me that he is not at all acceptable to them: and it is their purpose not to be content with his services after the church they are now building is completed. In this matter I do not wish to interfere, nor to dis-arrange any arrangements that may exist, if it is thought best they should continue. I should not want to take charge of the church without your approval, and kind co-operation. As it will probably be the home of my children I am desirous to secure to them, if possible, the enjoyment of the regular ordinances of the gospel, as they, and their fathers, understood and received them.

I am not particularly posted as to your modes of carrying on the work of Home Missions in that distant field. The churches generally are small-without pecuniary resources-and must be largely dependent on the Board of Missions. I suppose also you adopt the policy of uniting two, or more in the support of the gospel, where it can be done- a measure very desirable where it can be done to save expense.

I would be glad to know from you whether it is worth my while seriously to consider the question of going to Colorado with the aforesaid object in view? And if so what is the prospect of building up a flourishing, self-supporting church, in Greeley if the field should be well cultivated?

Is there any other church which might be associated with it to aid in the support of the ministry? Or could a moderate salary be raised from the Board of Home Missions, and the people? How much would the Board be probably willing to appropriate to the Greeley church, if "the right man was in the right place"? How much the people? Perhaps you are fully supplied with ministers, if so let me know.

If I should make up my mind to come out to Colorado, I would leave here about the first of November.

Perhaps I ought to say for your information, that should I go, I would carry with me no extraordinary qualifications- I simply claim a desire to do the Master's will according to my ability. Bro. Day, of your region knows me, and what ought

to be said on this subject would come with more propriety from him than from me.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience giving me such information on the subject of this letter as you may be able.

I am now, and have been preaching at Brodhead, Wisconsin: but purpose leaving that church on the first of November, if I go to Colorado. If not I shall probably remain there.

Please accept the kind assurances of a stranger, & believe me yours very truly,

R. G. Thompson.

CHURCH ERECTION,
Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
(ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,)
P. O. BOX No. 3863,
New York, Sept. 19th, 1871

My dear Br. Arnold

After a hard days work I have come home weary but must write you a line to relieve your anxiety. I told you the Comt. on applications had refused to recommend more than \$600 for Evanston Ch. this being 1/3 of the estimated cost of the building.

The Bd met today and voted \$500. I told them I was bound to procure \$1000 and told them of a certain plan I had to secure \$500 more to which (after a little special pleading) they consented. I will therefore send to Br. Tasley tomorrow the Mortgage to be executed & just as soon as they return this to me I will send the \$1000. Thank the Lord & not me, for this. I will sleep sounder tonight for this and when you hear it, I know you will rejoice with me. Good night.

Yours fraternally,

H. R. Wilson.

My kind regards to your dear wife and children.

H.R.W.

N. Y. Sept. 19th, 1871.

Mr dear Br. Jackson,

I found the Board would not grant more than \$500 to Evanston. I got permission to give them \$400 of special funds I had control of. So they are all right I have sent them the Mortgage to execute & when it is returned I will do what I can to send them the money without delay. The Bd did not reject, but postponed the application from Denver Ch.

I have written to Br. Brown stating the action of the Bd but refraining from any expression of my own opinion lest it might be sent back to the Bd. I wish you had had the names of some good lay men on the Bd of Greston instead of yours & Browns and that you had not asked for so large a sum. This aid must come from some other quarter. I think I can get \$1000 but not more from the Bd as they have resolved to make that the maximum. Excuse this hand scrawl.

BANKING HOUSE

of

C. W. Smith & Company,

Cooperstown, N.Y., Sep. 19, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dr. Bro.

I am just in rect. of yours of 15 inst. presenting an earnest appeal in behalf of the Presbyt. ch. Rochester. You overrate my ability I think, though I trust not so, my desire to aid the Master's Cause all I can.

Without taking time to fully deliberate & determine how much, I will pledge myself to do something & will make the attempt to get some others here interested, though, to be frank, I do not now have any expectation of success. I write in haste to say more especially that I have a deed of some lots in an addition to Hudson, Wisconsin, which if you can through any personal friend or acquaintance there, convert into money & if upon urging you think they will produce enough to pay for the trouble, I will devote the entire proceeds to the purpose of releasing the Church in question from debt.

The lots are No. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 in Block No. 19, of Hoyt & Daley's addition to the City of Hudson, Wis.

The taxes were pd. up to a few years since when I was written, the City had annulled the addition and confiscated the lots but in as much as I have an unquestioned deed of them. It appears to me that the City can hardly acquire possession in that manner.

I purchased these lots in 1857 through a friend, whose representations were exceedingly favorable- at \$200- per lot. The Crisis of '57 came soon after. Providence may aid in now converting these to something available for the good of the glorious Cause of our Lord. With best regards.

CHURCH ERECTION,
 Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
 (ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,
 P. O. BOX No. 3863.
 New York, Sept. 26th, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 Dear Brother

Enclosed I send you a check for \$525 for Golden City Ch. which comes through the Memorial Comt. I trust to you to have the accompanying Mortgage properly executed recorded & returned also the enclosed receipt signed by the Trustees & returned. Have the commenced their building and has Dr. Bourie left them?

I have just sent \$80. special to Evanston and will send them \$1000 as soon as they return the Mortgage.

I am preparing to start west to meet some of the & can only write a hurried note.

Yours fraternally

H. R. Wilson.

To save trouble in writing I enclose in this a check for \$3050 special sent in by the Meml. Comt. for Br. Browns Church. This building will surely go up now.

H.R.Wilson.

SMITH & WHITE BANKERS.

Successors to D.I. McCann & Co.,
 Hamburg, Iowa,

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 Denver Col.

Dear Brother,

I have got here from a very fatiguing expedition thro. Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, & Nebraska. I am too unwell to attempt the journey to your Synod. I regret this very much - hope to give Colorado & Kansas a visit soon. Give my affectionate & fraternal salutations to each of the Brethren, & to the Synod. Do your utmost to have the Synod bring up the Church to a larger support & a more self-support. Urge the Ministers to enlarging & uniting fields so as to cover the greatest extent. We must cover the whole country, & in order to this we must "spread out" as widely as possible.

Send us the proceedings of your Synod as soon as issued. Give my love to Bro. Walsh, I hope to see him in New York in September.

Regretting my inability to meet with your Synod & pray-

ing God's blessing on you & it & the great work to be done,
I am,

Most truly & fraternally,
Yours,
Cyrus Dickson.

Newark, N.J. Oct. 6 -1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir

I beg to ask whether our society is represented by a missionary at Santa Fa or in what stage of progress the arrangements are for such representation.

The anniversary of our society occurs next month & it is very desirable to have such knowledge of the situation of affairs that a report can be presented.

Have we accomplished anything? Does the near future promise that anything is to be accomplished. Please give me your views & put in order a statement if any statement can be put in order bearing upon our proceedings.

Our society is weak & I fear we have not the hearty sympathy of our congregations, we would so much like to show them we can do something.

Perhaps I may not be warranted in applying to you or laying upon you all the burden of supplying information and giving facts some of which you will naturally think we should get nearer home; but I excuse myself by stating that nothing definite has been ascertained from the Secy. of the Board & we know your willingness to assist us in any way.

We receive our papers regularly & find them very interesting.

hoping I may hear from you soon I remain Yours

Mrs. Isaac Gaston,
Secy. Womens Home,
Miss. Society of the Pres. Church
Roseville.

I ought to state that I wrote you some weeks ago, but conclude you have not received.

Salt Lake City,
Oct. 16th, 1871.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Both of your sends, came safely to hand in time for use yesterday. I am very much obliged indeed, for your promptness and kindness. We had about twenty four or five, yesterday

morning, last night nine or ten - Grace Greenwood lectured last night for the Chicago sufferers, wh. took away several of those who would have been with us. I could see no good reason why she might not have lectured just as well on a week day eve, so I concluded if any body came to hear me, that I would preach - wh. I did. I have about concluded however that I will not preach but once per day for the present. That hall is so miserably unsavory, that I think once per day, is all the people will care to go into it- so if the Corinne people will pay my expenses, I will go up, and preach for them Sunday eve. as often as they like for a few weeks. The U.S. Marshal is about putting up a room for Court purposes, just opposite the Townsend House, and has told me that we could use it in welcome; so we will open up in full blast when we get in there- I announced D.V. that we will organize the Church on the 12th of Nov. so you may make your arrangements accordingly-

Col. Crithelow is here and will be until about the middle of next month-

I hope you will get here on Friday Eve, if possible. I am stirring them up about their certificates, and I guess will be all O.K. when you come- I am getting along nicely - like my new quarters pretty well.

Give my kind regards to Mrs. Jackson- also shake hands with Lowrie for me. I did not go to the Tabernacle yesterday- I heard fr. there; the theme was "Zion in these Mountain Vales and Polygamic Marriage".

Yours in Christ,
Welch.

Santa Fe' New Mexico,
Oct. 16-1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Please find enclosed "Historical Narrative of Santa Fe' Presbytery", as you requested. Hope it is what you want.

I am anxiously looking for an answer to my last, also to hear of some good Bro. Minister to come and preach for me this winter, and take charge of the church.

I am exceedingly urgent in this matter, to have one come at once to save my remaining strength before I wholly break down. Send the best man you can get, and have him come immediately. May God our Heavenly Master direct.

With kind regards.

D.F. McFarland.

Newberry 7th Ward,
Williamsport Pa. Oct. 16th, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother: Enclosed you will find a draft for twenty dollars, which is sent to you, to be applied by you to any case of need which you may think best in the missionary work. This is sent by a young man in my Church who is conscientiously devoting a part of his income to the Lord. He follows boating on the canal, and has given me for various purposes this summer nearly a hundred dollars. Having already given considerable to the various boards of the Church he thought he would like to give some to individual cases. I will send you ten dollars more in the course of time.

My wife, whom you remember as Alice Diefendorf, sends her kindest regards to you.

Yours in the Gospel,
J. C. Caldwell.

CHURCH ERECTION,
Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
(ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,)
P. O. BOX No. 3863.
New York, Oct. 19, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 12th inst. was recd. yesterday. I think Father sent a mortgage for Greely Ch. Col., but lest he should not have done so I enclose one.

Having the check on hand for \$500 & thinking that church may be greatly in need of money I send it to you, asking of you to have the mortgage properly filled & returned to us. Father has been west visiting the Synods & is now in Pa. at the Synod of Harrisburg will be in N.Y. the 24th inst. I remain Yours truly,

H. R. Wilson, Jr.

Valmont, Col. October 23d, 1871.

"The following resolution in relation to Rev. Sheldon Jackson was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: That we most cordially bear our united testimony to the efficiency, activity, zeal and Christian devotion of the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, in the great work in which he is engaged, and to his eminent fitness for the same; and we do most respectfully but earnestly pray the Board of Home Missions to continue his Commission to this vast field,

where he has so successfully labored during the last year."

A true copy of the action of Presbytery at Golden City,
April 3rd, 1871.

A. R. T.
Moderator & S. Clerk.

Presbyterian Board of Publication,
No. 1334 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Oct. 25, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver Colorado.

Dear Bro. Yours of the 15th inst. has been rec'd. I was delighted to hear that at last a Presbyterian Mission has been begun in Salt Lake City. With great pleasure, we have at once responded to your request by forwarding about \$90. worth of Sunday School Books & of tracts to the Rev. Josiah Welch at Salt Lake City. The box contains all our publications specifically named in your letter. I am just about to write to Mr. Welch & inform him that the box has gone forward.

My daughter reached home safely last week having enjoyed a delightful summer in Colorado. I gave your message to Mrs. S. who is always glad to hear about you & your labors.

Fraternally yours,
W.E. Schenck.

Colorado City,
Oct. 25, '71.

Dear Bro. J.

We expect to organize a S.S. at the new town-- Colorado Springs--next Sab. I should have written earlier in the week. Still if you have any books, papers &c that would be of use to us they would be gladly recd. by next mail.

Have you a minister for Pueblo yet? I hear they are quite uneasy. Could you procure, or tell me where to procure some book in Spanish for use in Bible interpretation. I have sold 6 Spanish "Biblas Sanctas", & some of the readers want easy commentaries. I have Spanish tracts. I preach at the new town next Sab. morning & evening. I have always had good audiences there. When are you coming down to see us? The R.R. gives you now a change of easy travel.

Love to all the family.

Yours in Jesus,
E. Gage.

P.S. Bro. Warren wishes me to ask you if you can spare him

25 copies of that little Ryan Book of Y.M.C.A. publication, for prayermeeting use. He will pay you for them if you wish. If you have none, where could he get them?

Yours &c.

 Pueblo, Col. Oct. 25/71.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro. Have been expecting a letter from you for some time stating something in reference to the prospect of our getting a pastor. The friends of the church are becoming a little sensitive on the subject at present and if we are not properly encouraged ere long, we shall have to make an effort in a different direction. You are aware that we have representatives of the Reformed and Congregational churches here who are friendly to the Presbyterian branch and are willing to assist it and no doubt but what some will go into the church; but if the Presbyterian church does not move an effort to establish either of the others will be encourage which no doubt would cripple the Presbyterian movement for some time to come.

It may be that something speedy is being done, but as yet we have had no evidence of it. Still we are patient when we are encouraged and assured that a good spiritual and able pastor will be sent to us.

We are still keeping up our Sabbath school and prayer-meetings.

Yours truly,

Josiah Hughes.

 Salt Lake City,

Oct. 30", 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Shall I look for you on Saturday week? I have announced that (D.V.) we will organize on that day- Write to me, if you can, so that I will get your answer Saturday of this week- Everything is going along as nicely as I could ask- We had between fifty & sixty yesterday- We still stick to the stable loft.

Brigham has skedadeled and the Mayor is a prisoner for murder-a good deal of feeling among the rabid mormans, but no violence anticipated.

Yours oxy.

Josiah Welch.

Stuart Denver
Salt Lake City
Idaho Springs
Colorado City
Pueblo.

Schenectady, 1st November 1871.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir

Ever since I lost sight of you at Chicago have I desired to hear from yourself about that "arrest"-Do please explain it to me. I hope you are now pursuing an unmolested war of doing good, & satisfactorily to your heart.

What I desire chiefly at this time to trouble you about is that you will aid me by your suggestions in giving a Communion service to three or four or more really needy churches, on whom it will be well bestowed-The money for this was left to me in trust by a lady relative, and I wish to be particular, & give only to hopeful & well organized churches of our body. Can you help me? What is thought now of the maneuvering at Chicago to defeat our plans of Benev^t. work? Are the brethren disposed so far as you know, to give up to Dr. Munsgrave & his coadjutors?

How looks the field within your circle of observation? With kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson, in which our home circle would join if they were here, truly & affectionately yours,

you

J. Trumbull Brackett.

P.S. If/name any churches for the "Communion Service", tell me now to send, & to whom -I have one for Mr. Brown of Denver Would it pay to send any so far as California? I have had one application from there, & another from Oregon. But I fear it would cost more than its worth to send plated ware so far.

Denver, Colo.

Nov. 2, 1871.

Dr. Bro. J.

I shall be gone to the States probably six weeks. I know you will do all you can for my church during my absence. If passible will you supply or see that it is supplied 2 or 3 Sab.????

I shall be willing to pay 1/2 fare on the road if that can be done. Nexy Sab. Nov. 4 is my day at Colorado City. The next is my regular day at Fountain, & next at Colorado Springs & so on round.

It is more important to supply Colorado City & Colorado Springs than Fountain, tho' all are very important. (!)

If you can go down any day or can send some one please

write before hand to Rev. W. P. Warren & to R. Douglas.

Also you can do much in regard to my salary. They have done nothing yet & I have not yet recd. my commission.

When you arrive at Colorado Springs ask for Mr. Copley's house, he & wife are Pres. also Mr. Prewster & family, where you will be entertained.

If you can, "come over into W. & help us."

Bro. John promises to aid me in collecting money for my ch. I will remain east as long as it pays to beg for C.C.

Shall be home-sick to return soon. If you need to address me I will be

Very truly Yrs.

B. Gage,
Roxabell,
Ohio.

Brooklyn, Nov. 7th
1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson.

It is so long since I heard from you- I wrote for tidings. Mrs. Trask told me of having recommended that a box of clothing be sent you for distribution &, they had or would do so. We were unexpectedly kept away from home until the 1st of Oct. but are now comfortably settled with a Mrs. Churchill 436 Clinton Ave. Brooklyn. An appeal from our Pastor for Home Missions led me to divide my fifty dollars, leaving twenty five for at your disposal, if you say so. How do you feel about this awful visitation of fire? I am dumb on the subject. God is indeed overturning, & overturning, & may He whose right it is reign speedily over all flesh.

What of your labours?

What of your family?

What of your health?

Is the climate as good as in Minnesota?

Do write soon, if but four lines.

In haste-with love from both to you all

As ever S. M. C. Merrill.

Shall I enclose check to Denver, Colorado?

Brooklyn, Nov. 8th, 1871.

My dear Sir,

My Brother has sent me this "Checque" to forward to you, not knowing your address, to aid in building the "Evanston Church", two of my Cousins here sent Alfred 20 dollars this week, for the same object.

I earnestly pray God to bless you and prosper His own cause in your hands, and that I may yet live to hear the good

news that my dear children are living true Christian lives.
 Very truly your Sister in Christ,
 Mrs. Jane B. Lee.

 Evans, Col. Nov. 9th, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Please send me one & half dozen (1 1/2) doz. of the Presbyterian social Psalmodist. We will take a collection and pay for them at as early a time as possible. I have borrowed some from the Greely cong. to experiment with at Evans and find they take very well. We have organized a very good choir of singers and have added very much to the interest of our church here at Evans. But we want the Psalmodist. We want enough to distribute among the cong. Our work is progressing as well as we could have expected. The church building at Greely takes the people by surprise and we shall be much strengthened by the opportune erection of a church there. In fact it might seem remarkable if Presbyterianism should become popular in even Greely. The "broad gogne" men are completely beaten out and the little class of congregationalists will go with us. Our little church there is admitted to be the neatest, cosiest, little church and most in taste with the place of anything there. The Methodist have repeated the folly of the Baptists & are swamped in debt. If they dont watch closely we will beat them & dedicate before they do. Would have done so but for the sickness & death in Elder Tellers family. Mr. Teller has lost in all three of children. The friends have made him up a purse and helped him to the amt. of over a hundred dol's. Which was very opportune and reflects credit on the cong. It is a sore affliction but God is bringing good out of it to our little band. I have received a draft for my first quar. salary for this I am grateful, also on yesterday I rec. a note from the Unionstown Ladies Sewing Soc. with a list of articles of clothing - stating the box is expressed. We will look for it in a few days. The list is more than we could have expected. We feel grateful and stirred to more dilligence in the work and with the blessing of God shall root Presbyterianism here despite of all oposition. But I will write you again.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,
 Jno. F. Stewart.

 Central City Colorado,
 Nov. 9th, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 Dear sir

I am requested by the party who is to pay the

money due the Presbyterian Church here and secured by the lots you looked at once with a view to buying to ascertain if you can cancel the mortgage and if you cannot who can? He wants to pay the money due on it and wants at the same time to have the mortgage canceled. I suppose the "Trustees" would be the proper persons to do it but none of them are here now and as the property reverts to the Board authority must vest in them or some of their agents.

We are again without a minister although an invitation has been extended and we may have one in a few weeks.

Respectfully yours,

A. J. VanDoren.

Las Vegas, N. M.

Monday Morning,

Nov. 12th, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

We have never seen ~~a~~ wonder what can have become of the carpet, & if there would be any ~~use~~ ^{in making in-}quiries. We would like wonderfully to have recd. it. We recd. a pretty good supply of clothing last spring & though there are a number of articles which we wd. like we concluded not to ask for anything now, nor to encourage the sending of any as Chicago is now very properly occupying every body's attention. Wish I could have done more than I did. We were ~~all~~ all very thankful for the attention our girls recd. at your house in June. They reached us safely Saturday night June 24th. The older one is teaching & is I think doing a good work here. There are many difficulties & obstacles here but I think we are gaining power slowly. The walls of our church building are just about up. Hope to get into our new school-room in Jan. Thank you much for your kind letter. Mrs. A. says she will write to Mrs. J. All join in much love.

Yours truly in gospel bonds & labors,

J. A. Annin.

I hear Bro. Ainslie is coming to this country.

Salt Lake City,

Nov. 15th, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson.

I received your note, and thank you for your suggestion- it is much better than to appeal to Sunday SS. Here is the result. Add your word of comment and send one to each of the papers, Evangelist, Presbyterian, Herald & Presbyter, Interior, and Occident. I sent one to the Banner. Beg for a striking editorial. We must hallow or no one will answer. We held a consultation, some of us on Monday, and concluded that

Early thousand dollars will be necessary to build in keeping
with the other churches. We say nothing about what the other
churches are doing here- You say so in your remarks if
you think best. Majors objects to the wording of "Slaves so
and so is received" in the appeal- We had quite a discussion
I will do a few things- I am a little afraid we made a bad
mistake in our last installment of names, on our roll. I am
told that neither of these consumed on Sunday Eve. I am going
to wait on them a know way.

Everything goes smoothly:-

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson

Your Bro. in Christ,

Josiah Welch.

Do you think best to send one to the Observer? If so will
you forward one? J.W.

I will try and send out a few hundred circulars next week when
this appeal gets before the public - J.C. Boyle is our receiver.

Office of E. P. BROWN,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT.

Evans, Wyoming, Nov. 20, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Denver, Col. Dear Bro.

Yours of 15th received with check
from Mrs. Lee for which you will find receipt for the same
and as Mr. Lee is at Cheyenne I did not get his signature,
we have let the contract for the building & plastering of the
Church we intend to have a Festival & Christmas from the 25th
We will write you again as we shall expect you to be with us
if possible.

Respectfully,

E. P. Brown.

Evans, Col. Ter.

Nov. 20th, 71.

Dr. Bro. Jackson.

I received yours with letter from Mr. Knox which I
will answer. I had a notice from Bro. Wells of the call meet-
ing of Presbytery. Do I become a member of the Colorado Pres-
bytery by the change made at Synod. You know I was under
necessity of leaving the Synod the day before the matter of
Presbyterial changes came up. Please drop me a card & if I
am a member of the Col. Pres. I will go as from the points
stated in the Moderator's call. Some very important points are
to come up. I have never clearly understood the changes made
at Synod and cannot know where I am.

Our box from Newburg has not yet come. We have a letter
stating it has been shipped on the 27th ult. The letter states

they would hardly be able to do for us as they expected in the Spring on account of a difficulty in getting all the members of the church & aid soc. to work. Mrs. S. regrets she did not accept the comforters which Mrs. Jackson so kindly offered when we visited you in Denver. We had no special need of them at that time. We would be glad to have them now as our household is enlarged-having a gentleman and lady boarding with us. I think it quite possible I shall go down to the meeting of Presbytery & hope to see you.

Yours fraternally,

Jno. F. Stewart.

Mr. Rollo, did not come to take charge of the school.

Salt Lake City,

Nov. 24, 71.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Your favor of the 22nd is just at hand-

I am very sorry indeed that you changed the amt. in the appeal to \$25. to 30000, instead of \$35. to 40. for I sent one of the appeals to the Banner as I stated to you, just as I sent to you- besides I have already mailed between-four & five hundred to pastors of the churches - so we have the appeal coming out over the same names, asserting different things. Above all things dont let us contradict ourselves, to the amt. of \$10000 at least.

We only ask \$25000 of the people as you see, although we estimate the church to cost 35 to 40. wh. leaves the impression that we intend to do something for ourselves, wh. we do.

We held a consulation on Monday after you left, and concluded that we would require 35 to 40000 dollars before we got through, wh. accts. for my figures.

I cant send as many of these appeals to you as you ask- I just got 1500 struck, and I am sending them to all churches whose membership is over 100, or where the congregational column foots over \$1000. It is no use to send to those below, or to those wh. are recieving aid from the board- so you will know not to duplicate-

Everything goes nicely- had a good audience last Sunday. Went to Corinne in afternoon- had about forty out- I am pleased with things there and think there is a good opening for someone there.

Kind regards to Mrs. J. her contribution will be first out of Salt Lake-

Hurriedly,

Josiah Welch.

HOME MISSIONS,
 Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
 (ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK.)
 P. O. BOX No. 3863.

New York, Nov. 27, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 District Secretary of Home Missions in Colorado, at
 Denver, Col.

Dear Brother-

I beg leave to introduce Edward Bronson Esq. of East
 Bloomfield, New York, who comes to Denver to try the effect
 of the climate on his health.

Mr. B. proposes an active & out-door life to a large ex-
 tent this winter & your wide acquaintance with all parts of, &
 many persons may be very serviceable to him.

You may confide in Mr. B. or introduce him to your friends
 as a reliable & high-toned gentleman. I can cordially commend
 him to your acquaintance & kindness.

Mr. Bronson is accompanied with his wife, & both are mem-
 bers of the church which was formerly in my charge. I hope you
 & Mrs. Jackson will make their acquaintance & introduce them
 to such pleasant people as Rev. Mr. Martin & his wife, Mrs. &
 Miss Dr. Campbell of Rochester & such other people as you
 associate with either as permanent or transient residents-

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

Office of W. F. Thompson,
 LUMBER DEALER,
 Walnut Street,

Greeley, Colorado, Nov. 27, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 Dear Sir-

In regard to the Church Mortgage, Harvey Platt
 one of the Trustees is in the East. I have written to him for
 a power of Attorney to sign his name to the paper but as yet
 I do not hear from him. I have the seats ordered and we shall
 soon need the money to pay for them if the Mortgage is signed
 by myself and Eli Holl would that be sufficient.

Respectfully,

W. F. Thompson.

HOMR MISSIONS,
 Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey Street,
 (ASTOR HOUSE BLOCK,)
 P. O. BOX No. 3863.

New York, Nov. 29, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

I have just given letters to Mr. Edward H. Bronson, of East Bloomfield, N.Y. introducing him & his wife to yourself & wife- & to Messrs. Brown & Wells. Mr. B. is an intelligent man- both are good Christian people- You will like them. Mr. B. is a little ailing about the throat & chest & wants to try Denver climate this winter- Please show them kindness if you see any opportunity- I am glad you have Martin & his wife in your house. How is he doing? Is he gaining any? Can he preach any yet.

At our last meeting we added \$150 to Lowrie's salary- for six months the last six of his year. I was not quite sure whether you asked for \$300 out & out or only at the rate of \$500. per annum- so we put it as we did.

2. We voted Rev. Geo. S. Adams \$200 for his 5 months- Stupid fellow! Be that, we would carry him any way. Tell him to report his labors & he will get his pay.

3. We give Gage \$600 instead of \$750 applied for, & Rice \$500 instead of \$600. Our debt still distresses us badly- We cannot do what we would, but we do what we can.

Arnold is doing finely.

We ought to have another man at Corinne, Oeden & Evans-ton. I see you & Welch launched your bark prosperously at Salt Lake the other day. Good. I am glad Dr. Boardman will have to help you.

Mrs. Kendall desires me to thank you for your kind tho'tfulness in sending her a photograph of your Mountain party. How is Mrs. J? How are the little girls? Let us hear.

Yours truly, E. Kendall.

Salt Lake City,
 Nov. 30th, 1871.
 4 P.M.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Yours of the 27 of Nov. is just at hand.

I am sorry you dont see through the same glasses that we do; but you may be right about the effect our big estimate will have on the public, but I am inclined to think it will not matter much either way- I am in favor of what is for the best. I would neither have telegraphed nor written to you, only that I was anxious to save ourselves from a contradiction in the eyes of the public. If I could have changed all mine to 25000

to 30000 I would have done so in a minute. But "the thing was gone from me", so it was impossible. I am preparing an article for each one of our papers and will get them all off this week, so that they will appear in week after next-(weeks) issue- You had better prepare something for the week following.

I have been driving my pen almost constantly since you were here. We had our union Thanksgiving Service to day, & quite a fair turn out. I got along very nicely.

The Methodist have a big dinner this P.M.

We have moved our "Meeting house" again, into a hall between the Salt Lake House & Post office- centrally located, just the right size, well warmed, and free of rent.

Our members did it, and did not trouble me about it- I guess they will pull pretty well in the traces before long. Did you write for the Songs of the Sanctuary for us? We are about organizing a choir, and must make arrangements soon for another book- Gov. Wood has taken hold with us in our S.S.

I received my return from Stated Clerk of Steubenville Pres. minus my letter- he says they never dismiss except at meeting of Pres. which will be 4th Tues. of Dec. and he will forward it to me immediately afterward- so should you not meet until the first week in January I will be ready-

Remember me to Mrs. J. also to Lowry when you see him. Tell him I liked his letter to the children.

Dont forget to pray for us.

Your Bro. in Christ,
Josiah Welch.

Office of W. F. Thompson,
LUMBER DEALER,
Walnut Street,

Greeley, Colorado, Nov. 31, 1871

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

Enclosed find receipt for \$500. I will have the Mortgage signed by all the Trustees Mr. Holl is very low with fever in fact it is doubtful if he recovers so I may be delayed on that account in getting it signed. This weather makes it very slow furnishing our church; but in time we will succeed; when we shall be very happy to have you with us and have you dedicate our church. We have no pulpit bible should be much pleased to receive one.

Father & Mother wish to be remembered to you and we promise ourselves much pleasure in seeing you again with us.

I am resp., W. F. Thompson.

Pueblo, Colorado,
Dec. 4th, 1871.

Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir,

We were much disappointed that you did not get down as you intended- You would no doubt have had a very good congregation. Mr. Irvine was in town last week, he said I should tell you that any time you wished to come to Pueblo if you would let him know in time he would send his team to the terminus of the railroad to meet you and bring you down. Mr. Hughes was here yesterday and told me you had written him that you thought of sending Mr. Gage here as a supply every other Sabbath until Spring.

We are sorry there is no prospect of a permanent preacher before next Spring. Mr. Gage's coming will probably keep the church alive but I am afraid it will not make much progress as there seems to be some dislike to having Mr. Gage sent here. As far as I am concerned it matters little who is sent. I will abide by the Presbyterian Church no matter what happens At the same time I am anxious for the good of the church and I do think if we had a good permanent preacher it would not be long until we would have a good congregation and also a church if the matter would be taken in hand. Strangers are coming in all the while, and as the railroad nears us they come the faster. Yesterday the Methodists had Quarterly meeting and they received ten new members all strangers. 9 by letter and one on Probation, and no doubt we could do equally as well had we a minister. Mr. Merritt the Methodist minister is not such an extra minister, but he is a good man, and is active and energetic- and their church is progressing finely. Mr. Hughes said he was going to write to you, and as I did not know what he might write I thought I would drop you a few lines myself. You know the resources you have on hand, and I know you will do the best for us in your power. We are all well. We have moved since you were here to a house quite near Mr. Lowthers place of business. Mr. Lowther sends his kind regards. Hoping yourself and family are all well, I remain

Respectfully Yours,

E. A. Lowther.

Pueblo, Colorado, Dec. 4th, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Your note of the 29th was received in due time. An happ. to say that the church feels very thankful for such a present: no church is more grateful or even appreciates such

presents more highly than this church does.

Well, Bro. Jackson, I wish to state some facts to you in reference to the church at this place, and I hope you will excuse me if I shall talk plain in reference to this matter, for I do not desire that you shall misunderstand or be ignorant of the feelings, sentiments and opinions of the friends of the church at Pueblo. I would that you were down here yourself and visit the people yourself then I think there would be no necessity of my saying much to you about this: but as you are not here and no likelihood of your coming, I deem it necessary to inform you. Well in your last letter you stated that you would have Bro. Gage of Colorado City to come here every alternate Sabbath to preach for us until spring when we could have a regular pastor. I made this proposition known to the friends of the church but no one favored it. They do not want Gage not even as a supply. Some of the congregation have said that they would not go and hear him if he did come. When this is the case with some in the congregation what can we expect of some outside. It was supposed to have been definitely understood at the time of the Presbytery that Gage was not wanted here.

I know of no encouragement for Bro. Gage at present nor likely to be. So far as I am concerned myself I can work with Bro. Gage but I do not think it policy for him to come here. Well, you may say whom do the friends of the church want? In answer, I would say that they want a man of experience, of power, of executive ability and winning disposition and one that is at least equal to any in Pueblo at present. To start a church and put up a church building, they say we want the best man we can get, afterwards we can get along, the church will run itself. They want to make arrangements this winter to put up a church house in the spring. Bro. Hamilton of Black Hawk has been favorably spoken of. I have not heard one dissenting voice. In fact all the friends of the church are anxious that he should come. Some who do not go to any church at present have said that if he should come here, they would go and hear him every Sabbath. He seems to be the man that they want, and I believe he is willing to come. The people were promised a good man at the time of the Presbytery and they have looked for such ever since and it seems that none other will do even at this eleventh hour, other than this kind of a man, the church at present will not prosper, but, with this kind of a man; everything looks prospering.

Something ought to be done soon or else the project will be given up in despair, it is now tottering and almost ready to fall. Quite a number have been holding off from going to the

other churches for the last few weeks, and we have encouraged them to hold off, to hold off, to hold off, that we were going to have a good man in a very short time, but no longer can we encourage them to hold off. The success of the church depends on immediate attention.

The people want to know immediately, affirmatively or negatively, whether or not something is to be done; and I fear if nothing in less than a week or two is done, that the church will be materially crippled in this place.

The feeling is becoming stronger and stronger for Hamilton. Cannot Bro. Gage be sent to take his place so that he can come here. The membership of the church at Flack Hawk ought to be able to keep up that church now, but here we want a man that can pave the way, a man that the people will cluster around him. Bro. Jackson, can you not come down here and remain with us a week or two or three? Bro. Irvin told us to tell you that he would meet you at Colorado Springs at any time you might say you would come. Can you not come this week?

Our neighbors took into the church about twelve members last Sabbath.

Have more to tell you but I shall close at present.

Yours truly

In Christ,

Mosiah Hughes.

Laramie Wyoming Territory.

Dec. 4", 1871.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Very Dear Brother,

Your letter some ten days since was duly received, and also one on Saturday evening.

Every evening I purposed writing you, but so many duties pressing upon me I have therefor failed. They have no Chaplain at Ft. Saunders and as they have sickness and death there I have been frequently called to that place, a death at Percy, etc. have kept me very busy. I had expected to have been in Evanston at this time but the trains have been so uncertain I failed meeting my appointment for the first time since I have been in the Territory, and for the extent I travel I feel very thankful.

We hear nothing from our seats, and it is very doubtful when they will be here. The money was sent some six weeks ago. N. B. Pholips was to make them and told the contractors, if the money was sent they would have the seats ready in two weeks but we can hear nothing. The roads are blocked up, and so everything is uncertain. Two weeks from next Wednesday on

the 20 we hope to have a Fair & festival in behalf of our church, Mrs. Fillmore is President. Can you not make it convenient to be with us? So soon as we get the pews I will write you. The pulpit & lamp posts are made and all most beautiful. The stock & herdmen are feeling much discouraged. In regard to bro. Walsh's prop. I do not think Mrs. Fillmore will grant it. I rather suppose he will leave and go to Texas, which will be a great calamity to us all! In the next we will give the ages & sizes of the children, please accept our thanks for your thus remembering us. Some 8 will unite at the dedication. May God grant us a most precious season.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in Xt,
F. L. Arnold.

Dec. 1871.

Dear Brother,

We have had a most fearful storm which has prevented my sending the enclosed, the ages etc. of my family we will give you when here.

I have written bro. Shepard & Stewart in regard to meeting of Presbytery, calling a meeting the 23 inst. at half past seven P.M.

Will you please notify the bro. in Denver, I have forgotten the name. Also see that bro. Stewart comes, please write him, that we may be sure he gets my letter.. I will speak to Mr. Fillmore in regard to half fare for all.

I have asked bro. Shepard to come prepared to open Presbytery with a sermon. It is sat. am in great haste.

Yours Brother in Xt.,
F. L. Arnold.

GOSS & PHILLIPS MFG CO.,
SASH, DOORS, BLINDS, LUMBER, ETC.,
Chicago, Dec. 6, 1871.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver,
Col.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 29th at hand. We enter your order for Gothic Win. for Pres. Church Golden City. We think we can have them made in about three weeks. Your sash for Denver Church is now about ready. Enclosed find invoices for both. Please send Dfr. for the amount and advise us when you will have them sent. Yours truly

Goss & Phillips Mfg. Co.

Dec. 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

I send you a very small contribution \$10, which you will please appropriate to some needy Missionary that you may select as an extra gift. A Miss W. sends \$5 of this. I think your heart and hands must be full of sympathy and work. We have just made our annual contribution as a Church, and still I wish we could do more. Perhaps a stirring letter from you in behalf of some one family, might move our ladies to prepare a box, more than this I cannot promise. Our Sabbath Schools have not made an appropriation of their money, and I know that teachers and children are greatly interested in the cause. Are you not greatly embarrassed in your work, by want of funds?

With much sympathy,

Yours truly

C. H. Condit.

St. Lake City

Dec. 11th 71.

Dear Bro. Jackson-

Yours of Dec. 1st came to hand- I hope you received the roll of circulars I mailed you- I got a letter from Marshall of St. Louis blowing me up- I send it to you, as I have answered it. I told him I didn't know whether to take that suggestion that the Board would help us, as meant for a joke or not; with Dr. Wilson's last appeal "\$165000 deficit for present year", I thought he meant it in every other way than in good faith. I told him when he could get down and call over scores of chs. with six or more scores of members, who gave last year, gave less than a score of dollars to that Board, he could easily see that we might keep the Macedonian cry from to N.P. 2500, and these tens of thousands of poor deluded people would go to perdition in the mean time - (he gave \$19 last year). We had a fine audience morning & eve. yesterday- I wrote up to Corinne, if the way was open, I would go up New Years day, and spend a week with them and hold a series of meetings, administering the Lords Supper on the following Sunday.

I can supply my place here for a Sunday, and I think they will appreciate it, and we may do good- that is the week of prayer, and we cant well observe it here.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson & Mr. Lowrie I am

Your Bro. in Xt.,

Josiah Welch.

Salt Lake,
Dec. 1871.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Denver City,
Col.

Dear Sir

My Husband received your very kind letter with the prompt and acceptable donation of \$500 from Mrs. Jackson several weeks ago and as it was just on the eve of his departure for a distant part of the Territory where he was detained several weeks attending important law suits he did not acknowledge it at the time and on his return he found me extremely ill- I was so very sick that his time and attention was engaged in the sick room to the exclusion of every thing else for some time. I am now once more able to be up and about a little and gladly acknowledge in the name of Our Master the gift which is with His smile and blessing to help build up a Church and a House for the church to dwell in. Let me say to Mrs. Jackson that her prompt response to our appeal did greatly encourage us tho' as the donations from our sisters have been coming in rather slowly so far we begin to feel anxious about the final result. Have you seen any of the recent Mormon papers. If so you will see that we are just now suffering a little for the sake of our cause.

Asking your prayers in behalf of our little Church

I remain very truly

Your Friend,

E. K. Royle.

Evanston, Dec. 12/71.

Rev. F. L. Arnold,
Laramie City,
Dr. Sir-

The Church will be plastered before Christmas would like to have you and Rev. S. Jackson be here and hold services in church Sabbath before Christmas we intend having festival for benefit of the church on Christmas. I wish you would be kind enough to be there and extend this invitation to Mr. Jackson. You will have to make such arrangements for dedicating the Church as will be most convenient to yourself but we thought it would be best to defer the Dedication until after festival.

Yours &c., Orlando North.

Schenectady, N.Y. 15th Dec. '71.

Rev. Mr. Jackson

Dear Sir

I was glad to hear from you, and will be pleased to send a communion set to the church at Central City.

Whether it can reach there in time for the service of the 31st is doubtful. I will try. Miss Chauncey is dead. By her will I (her cousin) was made her trustee for this specific purpose. I have several sets left, and am willing to send one to any church (not able to purchase for itself) which promises to be a permanent Pres: church of real value. By the way will you please inquire of Rev. Wm. Y. Brown of Denver, whether the Stuart Church recd. a communion set. Among the first three I sent one to him by express. I hear from an inquiry made to me that the box was by mistake directed to Rev. A. Y. Brown. If such an one is at Denver, it belongs to Rev. W. Y. Brown.

I enclose a bill of \$1. to buy a Bible for some Missionary's little boy as a memorial of little Eddie Jenkins, late of Louisville, Ky., and grandson of my sister-in-law, Mrs. Jenkins, of Saratoga Springs. If you choose to purchase can be delayed until you or some one can get it in New York.

Your Cousin, Mrs. Morse, is said to be sinking. She is very "nervous" & cannot endure company. Thus far I have not been permitted to see her. Your other friends here are as well as usual. Mrs. Backus joins me in kind regards to your wife & yourself. If you have access to the January number of the Amer. Presbyterian Review, (now to be combined with the Princeton Review) & find an article on the "Benevolent work of the Church", read it & say what you think of its views.. I shall ever be glad to hear of you & your work. May the Lord be with you & yours, & greatly bless you in this service - Adieu -

Affectionately yours,

J. Trumbull Backus.

Schmiedtady, 15th Decr. 1871.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I hasten to send another line to you to inquire if you can or whether Laramie & Cheyenne, Wyoming Ter'y. are suitable churches to receive a Communion Service ! also Elks, Nevada.

I have to day ordered a set sent to you for Central City, Col., & hope you will receive it in time.

What is the smallest number of our churches you have been instrumental of organizing ? How many of the churches thus organized have failed ? How far do the results justify your selection ? I ask these questions, not for myself but to be posted & able to reply to criticisms upon your discretion - occasionally urged by some of our best Ministers. I have faith

in you enough to "go it blind" Adieu.
Truly yours.

J. Trumbull Backus.

Have rec'd Mr. Brown's letter acknowledging receipt of
Communion set, and am obliged to him.

HOME MISSIONS,
Presbyterian Rooms, 50 Vesey Street,
(Astor House Block)
P. O. Box, No. 4003.
New York, Dec. 28, 1871.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have said nothing about your proposal touch-
ing the Congregational Church at Central, because I have noth-
ing to say. You throw 10 rich men at the Fast to my one! I
suppose the Church Erection ought to do something handsome for
you in the matter if it ever comes in shape. I still doubt
the propriety of "going on", until it is settled that the
Congregationalists will not rally again & sweep us from the
field. I believe the mining interests & therefore all the in-
terests of the State were never so well assured as now - but
I do not think it is yet clear that the railway up the Creek
from Golden to Central will not injure those terms much.

As to the Hymn Books for Salt Lake, I am on the track
but I have not found the responsible man of the firm yet.
I'll see what I can do.

Do you advise us to keep Adams at work at Pueblo?

Can he do anything? I have a cheering & plucky let-
ter from Mitchell at Georgetown. He aspires to make his ch.
self sustaining sooner than any other in the State! We have
had a growling, sour, ugly letter from Brodhead at Greeley. I
think his head must be something beside Broad.

Yours,

H. Kendall.

Brigham City.

Corinne, Utah, Dec. 30th, 1871.

Dear Brother:

Your very plain and definite letter of the
27th, is at hand. A great grief - but as you say: It is the
Lord's will, let Him do what seemeth Him good.

The opposition at Brigham, has been so fierce that
I was afraid to put Ladies there. I will do what I can.

They are greatly out of patience at Malade. I am bound to give way to Mr. Pratt, the Episcopal Minister. I shall have to go to Malade.

My salary from the Board is not paid. I am in arrears. If you can help me in any way with men and money do so.

Why cannot Mr. Welch and Sister come at once. Certainly that will be better than the hiring some untried person here. They will see along at Malade and will come to Brigham City.

Please write at once.

Yours truly,

In haste.

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Pages 119-131.

Home Missions,
New York, N. Y.
Feb. 6, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received your letter some days ago. I am glad to hear such a favorable report, but am sorry to learn that you have floods of rain and mud. But I don't think it can exceed New York, such in that respect, this winter.

I was out at Union Monday, P. M., and gave them the best speech I had, at their monthly concert. Neither Dr. Kendall nor Dr. Dickson were able to be there so I had a clear pond to sail in. I made a strong appeal for our vacant fields in Utah and Nevada &c. I think I will have no trouble in getting a good man for Alta, and one for Pioche, and perhaps one for Beaver. Then we will strike for a Presbytery of Utah Lake in Pioche and Elko. I want you to find out all you can about Beaver and let me know - Go to Judge Hawley. How many people in the town? In the Counties, what per cent are Gentiles? What is the prospect for that mining district &c.? I haven't got sufficient data to make a good case of it.

I hope you will urge the Corinne people to invite Rev. M. Hughes - I talked with Dr. Kendall about it - He says Hughes is a good man and the Board will commission him. - I am anxious to fill up our ranks out there - There is quite a missionary spirit in the present senior class. Dr. Hitchcock told me, that if I would go to the men personally, I would get all of them that I want - I intend to do so.

Tell me more about the Montana fields. I am afraid it will not do to put them in correspondence with the Montana men. I am afraid that outfit up there, is not just the kind of furniture, that we need, in all respects, for Montana. if we can salt it with two or three good men, I think we can save the whole lump. I am greatly surprised at some of the letters and reports that Russell and Frackelton have written.

I am going to Elizabeth this P. M. to present Salt Lake in Dr. Roberts Church. It is their monthly concert and I am promised a full house. I get into Dr. Seavers Church, Brooklyn, tomorrow eve. I am going to take a run up to Albany and Troy, next week for a few days. I think I have a few strings now, that will pay to pull. I worked all day yesterday to get at Horace F. Clark, President of U. P. R. R. but found out in the evening that there is no hope from that quarter.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Parsons, and friends generally.

Your Brother in Christ,

Josiah Welch.

Taos Taos, Co. N. M. Terr.
Feb. 24, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

In the mail which has just arrived I received a very kind note from you. I hasten to answer your question in return mail which will be closed within a short time. My address is as follows: Taos, Taos Co. New Mexico Territory.

I shall be very grateful for the "Hockey Mountain Presbyterian". I received a copy of it last week.

I hope the time is not very far distant when the Communion set will be very much needed. Will be glad to receive the same at any time. I presume Mrs. Martin has sent it. She wrote me about it some time ago. I shall be very glad to hear from you again.

We are all very well and are very pleasantly situated. We are doing all we can in the way of language Spanish. We are completely balked in the work among the Indians, by the Priests. The people are kindly disposed but are instructed not to send their childrens school. The prospects are very good here in view of schools among the Mexicans.

Next year I expect to open a school here in the Mexican town where we live. The Pueblo is three miles distant.

We have had thus far a good deal of snow and winter weather, but it is very pleasant, not too cold for comfort.

Yours truly,

James M. Roberts.

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF THE

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OF THE

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AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ITS PRESBYTERIES, CHURCHES, AND MISSION WORK.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, in session at Chicago, Illinois, May 18th., 1841, in response to several overtures, took the following action.

Resolved. That the Synod of Colorado, is hereby constituted to consist of the ministers and churches in the Presbyteries of Colorado, Santa Fe and Wyoming; and that said Synod meet at Pueblo, Colorado, on the 4th day of September, 1871, at 11 O'clock, A. M., and be opened with a sermon by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, or in his absence, by the oldest minister present, who shall preside until a moderator be elected.

In accordance with the above action, the Synod met and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, from Ecclesiastes, 9: 10, and constituted with prayer.

Rev. D. H. Mitchell was elected temporary clerk.

No quorum being present—Synod adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer, and apostolic benediction.

SYNODICAL NEWSPAPER.

Through facilities offered by Rev. W. T. Wylie, and the Bellefonte Press Company, the *Rocky Mountain Presbyterian*, an eight page, 32 column monthly paper, devoted to the advancement of Presbyterianism in the several Rocky Mountain Territories, was established at Denver, Colorado, March 1st 1872. Rev. Sheldon Jackson Editor and Proprietor.

PRESBYTERY OF COLORADO.

Rise and Progress of Presbyterianism in Colorado Territory, from 1859 to March 1870 by Rev. A. R. Day, stated clerk and Historian of Presbytery, Approved by Presbytery, March 1872.

PIONEER MISSIONARIES.

The first Presbyterian minister who visited Colorado, was the Rev. Lewis Hamilton, of the Presbytery of St. Joseph, New School.

He reached Denver on Saturday the 11th of June, 1859. On the Sabbath following he preached in an unfinished building on Ferry street, West Denver.

At that time there was great excitement over the discovery of gold, in the vicinity of what is now Central City.

Heeding the advice of Horace Greely, then in Denver, he followed the excited masses to the mountains, offering them in the name of Jesus, the true riches.

He preached at Central City on the 28th of June, 1859, under the spreading pines, to a large congregation, who gave excellent attention to the word.

Hadly Hall, was afterward obtained, and services were held at stated periods during the summer. In July, he partially organized a Union Church, composed of members of various christian denominations, banding themselves together in the service of Christ. He also visited the South part, the latter part of July, preaching at Tarryall, some two months, when he returned again to

Central City where he continued to labor until late in the fall, when he returned to his home in Iowa.

In the spring of 1860, we find him again in Colorado.

He preached at various points in the Territory, principally at Golden City, where he secured the organization of a Presbyterian Society, by the election of trustees. Two lots were obtained on which to build a house of worship, but being left unoccupied were lost.

In November, 1862, he was appointed Chaplain of the Second Regiment of Colorado Volunteers. He served in this capacity until the spring of 1865, when the close of the rebellion brought him release, and he returned again to Colorado, to labor in the cause of the Master. He preached at various points in this new field, among others at Central, Golden, Black-Hawk, and on Bachel-la-Pondre. At the latter place he found quite a settlement of Presbyterians, some ten miles below Fort-Collins, to whom he preached one Sabbath. During the winter of 1868-9 he labored at Bergen's and on Bear-Creek.

The close of this history finds him laboring at St. Vrain, Burlington and Evans, preparing the way for the establishment of our church at these points. Truly, we may say of him, as the pioneer of Presbyterianism in Colorado, that he has gone every where preaching the gospel.

The next ministers of our church who visited this Territory, were Rev's. Steel and Rankin, in 1860. The Rev. John Steel spent the summer in Boulder County, for his health, where he preached each Sabbath day to attentive congregations. In the fall he again sought his home in Iowa.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENVER.

*Corner of H and Stout Streets, Denver, Colorado—
Rev. Wm. F. Brown, Pastor.*

Dr. Rankin, of Buffalo, New York, came to Denver during the summer of 1860 under a general commission from the Board of Domestic Missions. He labored in this field about eight months, during which time he so far perfected an organization as to secure

the election of elders and trustees. The elders not being ordained, or installed, the organization was left incomplete. His congregations were large and gave heed to the preaching of the word, but such was the unsettled condition of society, and the uncertainty which still hung over this new land, that in January, 1861, he returned to the east. In the spring of 1861, the Rev. A. S. Billingsley, of the Presbytery of Missouri River, arrived in Denver under commission of the Board of Domestic Missions. He labored with varied success for about one year. On the 15th of December, 1861, he organized the First Presbyterian Church of Denver, Old School, in regular form. It consisted of eleven members. Simon Cost was elected and installed elder, and on the following Sabbath, John Irwin, having been elected, was duly ordained and installed an elder, also.

Mr. Billingsley ceased preaching in Denver in the spring of 1862, deciding to spend the summer in the mountains, where he labored at various points with some success. In December of that year he returned to Ohio.

The church at Denver was vacant from March until November, 1862, at which time the Rev. A. R. Day, arrived. He was ordained as an Evangelist by the Presbytery of Highland (Old School) to labor at Denver, and by them recommended to the Board of Domestic Missions, who commissioned him for one year from October, 1862 with four hundred dollars aid. The International Hall, on Ferry St., West Denver, was obtained, where the congregation held regular services until in the summer the court room, adjoining was obtained.

In June, 1863, measures were taken to build a house of worship. Major Fillmore generously donated lots on F St., between Lawrence and Arapahoe for that purpose. Work was commenced on the 1st of August and on the 17th of January, 1864, a neat and commodious building 36x64 and, costing \$5,200 was dedicated to the worship of God. On the day of dedication \$1,325 was raised to free it of all debt. To this enterprise, the Board of church extension of the Old School church contributed \$500. In the month of April

following, a call was presented by the church to the Presbytery of Highland for the pastoral services of the Rev. A. R. Day, which was so bitterly opposed by a few parties, that Presbytery declined to place it in his hands, advising him to labor as stated supply, which he agreed to do. He continued to preach in this church until March, 1865, when he resigned his charge and returned to Pennsylvania.

A vacancy again occurred which lasted until the month of October, when the Rev. J. B. McClure, of the Presbytery of Chicago (Old School) came, by the invitation of the church, under commission from the Board of Domestic Missions. He labored about two years when he accepted an agency for the North Western *Presbyterian* and so returned to Chicago in October, 1867.

The church was thus left vacant again, until February, 1868, when the Rev. A. Y. Moore, of the Presbytery of Southern Indiana, Old School, came by invitation of the church to labor. He remained about three months, received a call from the church, which he declined, and returned to Indiana.

In November following, an invitation was again extended to Rev. A. R. Day, to supply the pulpit.

Being commissioned by the Board of Domestic Missions, he supplied them during the winter of 1868 and 69, leaving them in March 1869, to accept an invitation to labor in the Boulder Valley, Presbyterian Church. The first church of Denver, (Old School) then invited the Rev. C. M. Campbell, to supply the pulpit, which he did, from April 1869 to April 1870, under commission from the Board of Domestic Missions.

This completes the history of the Presbyterian Church in Denver, up to the organization of the Presbytery of Colorado, on the 18th day of February, 1870, at which time the first church of Denver (Old School) was received, and its name changed to Westminster.

In May 1870, the Board of Domestic Missions gave Rev. W. Y. Brown, of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, an open commission with a view to his visiting this church, and occupying the field, if the way be clear. He arrived at Denver early in July, and at once

commenced work. On the 16th day of August 1870, he was received into the Presbytery of Colorado, by letter from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and a unanimous call presented him from said Westminster, (late first church O. S.)

The congregation not being satisfied with their name, it was changed by the Presbytery at their own request, to that of "Stuart Reunion Presbyterian Church." Upon trial it being found that this name was not understood in the community, (many supposing it a new sect of Presbyterians,) the congregation made application to the Presbytery in session at Central City, Col., March 16th 1872 as follows. "The Stuart Reunion Presbyterian Church of Denver, respectfully pray the Presbytery of Colorado, to restore to them their original name," namely "The first Presbyterian Church of Denver," the same being the church which was organized on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1861, by Rev. Amos S. Billingsley, which church we are, and we desire to be so known, and recognized by the Presbytery, and to be so recorded upon the minutes of the General Assembly."

Presbytery granting the request, restored to them their original name, and enrolled them as the First Presbyterian Church of Denver.

Through the indefatigable labors of Rev. Mr. Brown, the church, which had become reduced to a membership of 25, with a Sabbath attendance of 40 to 50, has grown to a membership of 68, with an attendance of over 200. It also possesses a large active and wide awake Sabbath-school.

Having lost the immediate control of their first church building, they nobly set about the erection of another, which was completed and dedicated to the worship of God with great joy upon the 10th of March, 1872. The prayer of dedication being made by Rev. W. Y. Brown the pastor and the sermon by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Rev. J. Marr, Rev. G. W. Martin, Rev. J. H. Stewart and Rev. C. M. Campbell assisting in the services. The building is a handsome gothic, capable of seating about 300. It is uniformly furnished.

cushioned and carpeted. Cost with ground \$12,200.

The following Sabbath-schools and individuals furnished the memorial stained glass windows Galesburgh, Ill.; LeRoy, N. Y.; Kingsboro, N. Y.; Oakwood avenue, Troy, N. Y.; Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; 1st Church Albany, N. Y.; Phelps, N. Y.; Cooperstown, N. Y.; Sing-sing, N. Y.; 2d Presbyterian Church Brooklyn, N. Y.; Infant Class, Oswego, N. Y.; Lawrenceville, Pa.; 2d Church Allegheny, Pa.; Clinton St. Philadelphia, Pa.; 2d Church Bridgeton, N. J.; Ladies of 1st Church Elizabeth, N. J.; The Pastor and Superintendent of Missions. The Pulpit was the gift of Miss Dale, of Pennsylvania, and the beautiful and massive Silver Communion Service from Miss Chauncey, through Rev. J. T. Backus D. D. Two hundred yards of carpeting from Mrs. A. Perry Nichols, Oil city, Pa.; and \$100 from Preserved Smith, Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. W. Y. Brown was installed pastor of the church on Sabbath evening March 10th 1872. By order of Presbytery Rev. Sheldon Jackson presided, preached the sermon, proposed the constitutional questions and gave the charge to the people. Rev. John H. Stewart gave the charge to the pastor.

CENTRAL CITY.

The next regular organization of our name was at Central city by the Rev. Lewis Hamilton.

This was effected on the 26th of January, 1862, when a church of nine members was gathered together, with Wm. L. Lee as ruling elder.

Bro. Hamilton supplied them portions of the time until the fall of 1862 when the Rev. G. W. Warner of Weedsport, New York, arrived under commission of the Committee of Home Missions and immediately took charge of the field. He labored here and at adjacent points with great acceptance for about one year, when he returned to his home greatly to the regret and sorrow of many to whose hearts he had become endeared.

He was followed in the labor at Central City, by the Rev. T. D. Marsh, who came in the spring of 1864. He preached stately in this field

until February, 1865, when he accepted an invitation from the church of Black Hawk.

The church remained vacant until November 18th, 1871. Rev. D. H. Mitchel had spent the year 1870 in laboring at Central, but made no effort to revive the old organization. In November, 1871, Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and Rev. Wm. E. Hamilton, of Black Hawk, undertook the restoration of the old church. Two of the original members, Mrs. Geo. A. Patton and Mrs. Clara Brown, were still in the place.

On Sabbath December, 31st, a communion season was held, and eleven added to the church. Messrs. A. J. Vanderen, and J. G. Ridgely, were elected and installed ruling elders. Present membership, (May 1872,) about forty. In February 1872 a unanimous call was made for the pastoral services of Rev. J. G. Lowrie, who immediately entered upon his labors there.

BLACK HAWK, COLORADO.

The Presbyterian Church of Black Hawk was organized by the Rev. G. W. Warner, on the 15th of February, 1863, with J. H. Kinney, and E. W. Henderson, as ruling elders.

Under the untiring labors and zeal of Father Warner, a beautiful church edifice was erected at Black Hawk, and a flourishing condition of affairs both in temporal and spiritual things secured.

After his departure November, 28th 1863, the church was vacant until July, 1864, when the Rev. J. H. Hiser, came, who labored but a brief time.

After some months of vacancy, the church secured the labors of Rev. T. D. Marsh, who preached for them two years. He was succeeded by Rev. Albert F. Lisle, who remained in the field some fourteen months, and he in turn, was followed by the Rev. George S. Adams, who remained about one year.

In November 1870, Rev. Wm. E. Hamilton took charge of the field, remaining until April 1st 1872, when he left to accept a call to Pueblo.

BOULDER VALLEY.

The next organization which claims our attention, was that of the Boulder Valley Presbyterian Church.

This church was organized in September,

1863, by the Rev. A. R. Day. It consisted of seven members, with P. M. Housel, and G. W. Chambers, as ruling elders.

He continued to preach for them every alternate Monday evening, until the summer of 1864, when the Rev. C. M. Campbell, of the Presbytery of Allegheny City, arrived and took charge of this field. He labored for this church about two years, preaching also at Boulder City, and Upper St. Vrain, a portion of his time. The church was left vacant from October 1866, until December 1867, when the Rev. A. R. Day, returning to the Territory, was invited to take charge of the field, which he did, laboring until Jan. 1st 1871.

From January 1st 1871, up to the present time, the church was again supplied by Rev. Charles M. Campbell.

The church building was erected in 1864.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, F. ST. DENVER,
REV. E. P. WELLS, PASTOR.

On the 18th of November, 1868, an element of the First Presbyterian Church, (Old School) without obtaining a dismissal from the Presbytery of Leavenworth, (Old School) with which the church was connected:—

Resolved, to place itself under the care of the most convenient Presbytery connected with the Presbyterian Church, which is appointed to hold its next General Assembly in Church of the Covenant of New York City."

In accordance with that resolution, and subsequently, on August 10th 1869, they were received into the Presbytery of Chicago, New School, as the First Presbyterian Church of Denver, (New School.) A call being presented from the said church, for the pastoral services of the Rev. E. P. Wells, a member of said Presbytery, and he having signified his acceptance of the same, a committee was appointed by the Presbytery of Chicago (New School) to install him as pastor of said church, a duty which they attended to in due form, which relation continues until the present.

On the 16th of August 1870, the church presented to the Presbytery of Colorado, a letter from the Presbytery of Chicago, (New School) dismissing the First Presbyterian Church of Denver, (New School) to the

Presbytery of Colorado. Upon their request they were received into Presbytery.

UPPER ST. VRAIN.

The church of Upper St. Vrain, consisting of five members, was organized by the Rev. A. R. Day, in October, 1869, with Brother Kannoles as ruling elder. Brother Day supplied this church with preaching every two weeks. A portion of this time he also preached on Clear Creek, and on the upper Plate near Brown's bridge, making a circuit of some forty five miles extent.

On the 15th of March, 1872, the church of Upper St. Vrain, was united to the church at Longmont.

IDAHO SPRINGS.

The next church which claims our attention, is that of Idaho Springs.

In the spring of 1864 the Rev. George Rice, left Missouri, intending to settle in California with his family. After a tedious journey of three months, encountering many difficulties and dangers from hostile Indians, and high waters they reached the lovely mountain village of Idaho Springs, intending to rest a while, and then pass on westward. This was on the 11th of July 1864. They finally decided to remain in Colorado, and so exchanged their teams for a hotel building, where they kept boarders.

The bar room was turned into a place of worship, where Brother Rice preached for twelve months.

From this place the congregation removed to the Courtroom, but the removal of the County seat, deprived them of this building, and left them destitute of a place in which to worship.

A hall, in Brother Rice's building was fitted up with the aid of the Good Templars, in which he continues to preach, up to the present time.

During these six long weary years, Brother Rice not only sustained a large family, but to a great extent, the church also.

He very often had to furnish his own fuel and lights and be his own sexton while breaking to the people the bread of life, and all this labor and self-denial and sacrifice with no reward save the blessed promise of the Master.

On the 6th of March, 1870, a church of eleven members was organized with John Roberts as ruling elder, by the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, assisted by Brother Rice.

In 1871 the church undertook the erection of a church building, which was completed and dedicated early in May, 1872, Rev. Sheldon Jackson preaching the sermon and Rev. Geo. Rice making the dedicatory prayer.— And so the labor and toil of years was crowned with abundant success.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

A brief sketch of the labors of the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, our Superintendent of Missions will close this historical record of Presbyterianism among these mountain heights.

The Presbytery of Missouri River, in session at Sioux city, Iowa, deeply impressed with the great extent of its territory and its destitution, also of the necessity of an agency for exploration and supervision, appointed in connection with the Presbyterians of Fort-Dodge and Desmoines, the Rev. Sheldon Jackson Superintendent of Missions for central and western Iowa, Nebraska, Dakota, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. On July the 1st 1869 this field was enlarged by the Board of Missions at Philadelphia, so as to include Colorado. Steps were taken for the immediate occupation of the more important places.

The Rev. John L. Gage was commissioned for Cheyenne and Laramie; the Rev. J. N. Hutchison for Blair, Fremont and Grand Island; the Rev. M. Hughes for Sweet Water Mines, Bryan, Wasatch, Ogden and Corrinne.

Churches were organized by Bro. Jackson, assisted by the missionaries at several important points: At Cheyenne, on July 18th, 1869; at Helena, August 1st; at Rawlings, August 8th, and at Laramie, August 10th.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson also organized a church of four members with John Irwin, as ruling elder, at Pueblo, Colorado; another organization was secured by him at Georgetown, of thirteen members, with Erskine McClellan, as ruling elder. He also organized a church at Colorado city, of five members, Robt. Douglass ruling elder, and one at Golden city of four members, with Mr. Osborne,

as ruling elder. These four churches were all established between the 18th of February and the 4th of March, 1870.

Unanimous action of Presbytery, at the annual spring meeting, 1871:

Resolved, That we most cordially bear our united testimony to the efficiency, activity, zeal and christian devotion of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, in the great work in which he is engaged, and to his eminent fitness for the same. And we do most respectfully, but earnestly pray the Board of Home Missions to continue his commission to this vast field, where he has so successfully labored."

And now to day as we gather together, a little band of christain ministers, and churches, organized into the Presbytery of Colorado, under the authority of the General Assembly of our church, our hearts can but overflow with joy. As we recount the mercies of our God, in keeping us through all these years of toil and weariness, while laying the foundations of our Zion, let us join in that good doxology, wherein the worship of heaven and earth is blended and say:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

The above historical sketch, having been read and corrected was unanimously approved by the Presbytery in session at Central City, March 18th 1872, upon which it was,

Resolved, 1st, That the hearty thanks of the Presbytery be given Rev. A. R. Day, for his care, ability, and diligence in the preparation of this historical record. 2d.— That the stated clerk furnish a copy for publication, to the Rocky Mountain *Presbyterian*."

As it was desirable that the record should be continued from the first meeting of Presbytery, down to the present, a supplementary record is added.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, (Old School,) in session at Pittsburgh, Pa., November, 1869.

Resolved, That the Rev. W. C. Harding, of the Presbytery of St. Paul, Rev. H. P. Peck, of the Presbytery of Chicago, the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of the Presbytery of Southern Minnesota, the Rev. C. M. Campbell, of

the Presbytery of Allegheny City, the Rev. A. R. Day, of the Presbytery of Dane, and such other minister of our church, as may be in the Territories of Colorado, Utah, Montana, and Wyoming, be organized into a Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Colorado, and attached to the Synod of Southern Iowa."

FIRST MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery met in the basement of the Baptist Church, in Denver, at 7½ P. M., February, 18th 1870, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Sheldon Jackson. The roll was then made out as follows: Ministers, A. R. Day, C. M. Campbell, Sheldon Jackson, H. P. Peek, and Wm. G. Kephart. Churches, First Church of Denver, corner of H and Stout Street, (Name changed to Westminster.) Boulder Valley, Upper St. Vrain, Black Hawk, Cheyenne, Laramie, Rawlins, and Helena.

Rev. Lewis Hamilton was received by letter from the Presbytery of St. Joseph, (New School) and made Moderator of the Presbytery. Rev. A. R. Day, stated clerk.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Under the reconstruction of the Synods by the General Assembly in session at Philadelphia, Pa. May, 19th 1870, the churches in Wyoming were left in the Synod of Southern Iowa, the churches in Colorado were placed in the Synod of Kansas, the church in Utah in the Synod of the Pacific, and the church in Montana left out in the cold.

The Synod of Kansas in session at Topeka, Ka., July, 12th 1870, in the reconstruction of the Presbyteries declared the Presbytery of Colorado to be the legal successor of the Presbytery of Colorado. Ministers Sheldon Jackson, Lewis Hamilton, A. R. Day, C. M. Campbell, Geo. S. Adams and George Rice. Churches, Westminster, Denver, (late First church, Denver,) Boulder Valley, Upper St. Vrain, Black Hawk, Idaho, Colorado, Pueblo, Georgetown and Golden.—

Supplementary history of the churches down to May, 1872.

PUEBLO, COLORADO.

The Presbyterian church of Pueblo was organized by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, on 27th of February, 1870, with four members. John Irvine, ruling elder. In the fall Rev. George

S. Adams took charge of the church, remaining one year.

On 1st of April, 1872, Rev. Wm. E. Hamilton having received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the church, removed there and commenced work. Arrangements are in progress for the erection of a church building.

COLORADO CITY.

The Presbyterian church of Colorado city was organized by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, on 28th of February, 1870, with five members. Robert Douglas, ruling elder. In the fall of 1870, Rev. H. B. Gage took charge of the church where he still remains, Bishop of all the country around.

GEORGETOWN, COLORADO.

The Presbyterian church of Georgetown, was organized by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, on the 4th of March, 1870, with fourteen members. Erskine McClellan, ruling elder. In January, 1870, Rev. D. H. Mitchell was called to take charge of the church. In 1871 lots were secured and the means raised for a church building, which will be erected during 1872. This building will be a memorial of the interest taken in this work by G. Dwight, Esq., and the Presbyterian church of Montclair, New Jersey.

GOLDEN CITY, COLORADO.

This church was organized March 7th, 1870 by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and Elder Simon Cort, with four members, E. T. Osburne, Ruling Elder. Subsequently, Mr. Osburne joined the Episcopal church, and the little church was left without a session, until the Spring of 1872, being governed by a committee of Presbytery.

In January, 1871, Rev. J. G. Lowrie, commenced laboring at Golden, and continued until the Spring of 1872, when he left to take charge of the church at Central.

Through the personal, and unwearied efforts of Mr. Lowrie, funds were secured, (largely from the east) and a beautiful church building erected, which was completed and dedicated, May, 1872. Among those abroad contributing most largely should be mentioned C. W. Potwin, Esq., of Zanesville, Ohio, and Rev. ————McHarg, and friends of Cooperstown, N. Y.

GEELEY, COLORADO.

After several visits to the Union Colony, Rev. Sheldon Jackson, organized the church on Sabbath, August 21st 1870, with nine members, L. W. Teller, Ruling Elder. Early in May, 1871, Rev. John F. Stewart, of Evans, commenced preaching at Greeley, one half his time. In the fall, they commenced the erection of a church building, which was completed and dedicated on Sabbath, Jan. 21st 1872. The services were conducted by Rev. R. G. Thompson. Sermon by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and prayer of dedication by Rev. J. F. Stewart. The funds for this church were largely contributed by the second Presbyterian church of Elmira N. Y., and C. W. Smith, Esq., of Cooperstown, New York.

On 1st February, 1872, Rev. R. G. Thompson took charge of the field, upon invitation of the people.

EVANS, COLORADO.

As early as 1869, Rev. Lewis Hamilton, commenced preaching at Evans. But nothing permanent was accomplished until the settlement at Evans, of the St. Louis Colony, in the Spring of 1871.

On the 14th day of May, 1871, the Presbyterian Church of Evans, was organized by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and Rev. John F. Stewart, with six members. Rev. J. F. Stewart, supplying the pulpit from the commencement. A beginning has been made towards the erection of the church building.

LONGMONT, COLORADO.

At this seat of the Chicago colony, a Presbyterian Church was organized by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, on the 19th of July, 1871, with eight members, Mr. John Ecker Ruling Elder. From September 1st 1871, to April 1st, 1872, the church was supplied on alternate Sabbaths, by Rev. J. G. Lowrie. On the 15th of March, 1872, the Presbytery of Colorado, at the request of the church of Upper St. Vrain, united themselves with this church. The united churches are known as The First Presbyterian Church of Longmont. Lists have been secured, and arrangements for building are in progress.

COLORADO SPRINGS.

This is the seat of the Fountain Colony, of Colorado. By direction of Presbytery, the church was organized in May, 1872, by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and Rev. H. B. Gage, committee.

The church under the efficient leadership of Rev. H. B. Gage, is building a house of worship.

CARIBOU, COLORADO.

This youngest of all the churches of the Presbytery, is being organized by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, as this article goes to press.

FIRST LICENSE.

Mr. H. B. Gage was licensed to preach the Gospel, on the 3d of April, 1871.

FIRST ORDINATION.

Mr. J. G. Lowrie, a licentiate under the care of Presbytery, was ordained as an Evangelist, on Sabbath, March 17th 1872. Rev. C. M. Campbell, presided, and proposed the constitutional questions, and made the ordination prayer. Rev. W. E. Hamilton, preached the sermon, and Rev. Sheldon Jackson, gave the charge to the Evangelist.

FIRST INSTALLATION.

Rev. W. Y. Brown, over the First Presbyterian Church of Denver. See historical statements above.

FIRST RULING ELDER.

Simon Cort, was installed Ruling Elder of The First Presbyterian church, Denver. December 15th, 1861.

FIRST COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and Elder J. G. Ridgely.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SANTA FE.

On Thursday the 22nd. day of November, 1866, Rev. E. F. McFarland, under commission of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Presbyterian church, Old School, arrived in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He preached in the Senate Chamber on the following Sabbath to a good audience. On the same day he organized a Sabbath school, with seven scholars and three teachers. On the second Sabbath, he initiated the system of Sabbath collections, as a part of divine worship.

On the 13th of January, 1897, he organized a church of twelve members, consisting of four males, and eight females, with one Ruling Elder, W. W. Carothers. He served about two months, when he started for the States. He encountered several storms on the Plains, was taken sick and died. His remains were buried in the Cemetery at Fort Dodge, Kansas. He had been authorized to collect funds for the new church, and was about to visit his wife, parents, and friends in the States. But neither infant church, young wife, nor aged parents were to see him again on earth. Jesus had called him up higher in his holy providence, as if saying, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." and calling upon church and friends, not to trust in man, whose breath is in his nostrils, but in the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Since the organization, thirty eight have been added to the church, twenty two by profession, and sixteen by certificate. And the Sabbath school has had sixty eight schol-

ars at one time, in attendance, and eight teachers:

The missionary pastor commenced a parochial school, December 7th 1866, with ten pupils. When Presbytery was organized, it was taken under its care, as the "Santa Fe Collegiate Institute." On the 6th of December 1870, the school was merged into the "Santa Fe University, Industrial, and Agricultural college," by charter filed in the office of the secretary of the Territory, under the Territorial General Incorporation law, as prescribed by act of Congress. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors, under the Charter, Rev. D. F. McFarland, the missionary pastor of Santa Fe, church was unanimously elected president of the Institution, and afterwards confirmed by subsequent Board of Directors.

When it is considered that the Papal religion is dominant in New Mexico, that its popular Bishop resides in Santa Fe, and that here are located their prosperous College, and Convent for girls, this Protestant school effort is a great success.

On the 14th of December, 1868, the Presbytery of Santa Fe, was organized according to the act of the General Assembly, June 2nd 1868. Rev. D. F. McFarland, preached the sermon from Joshua, 18:3 last clause of the verse, viz: "How long are ye slack to go to possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you"—and made the constituting prayer, when Rev. John N. Shultz, chaplain of 38th Regiment United States Infantry, at Fort Craig, New Mexico, was chosen moderator. Rev. James M. Roberts, missionary to the Navajo Indians, temporary clerk, and Rev. D. F. McFarland, stated clerk. These, with William Kennedy, Elder of Santa Fe church, constituted the Presbytery which was attached to the Synod of Kansas.

It was a small beginning, far from sister churches, and in the midst of Papal opposition, and Atheistic worldliness. But there were a few here who love Christ and his Kingdom, and God can, and we trust, will make this handful of corn which he has scattered among the Rocky Mountains, wave like Lebanon. When Presbytery was organized, it comprised all the ministers within the Territory of New Mexico, except one or two Episcopal ministers, who were then chaplains in the army of the United States, and the only organized Protestant church, was that of Santa Fe, as above stated. There were some New Mexican Protestants, scattered along the Rio Grande, the remnants of former Baptist and Methodist missions.

The Presbytery now consists of five ministers, and two churches as follows, viz: Rev. John N. Shultz, chaplain United States Army, Fort McKavitt, Texas, Rev. D. F. McFarland, Pastor of mission church of Santa Fe, and President of Santa Fe University; Rev. John

A. Amin, Pastor of mission church at Las Vegas, Rev. James M. Roberts, and Rev. John Menaul, missionaries to the Navajo Indians, at Fort Defiance, with the churches of Santa Fe, and Las Vegas. There are two other brethren of the Presbyterian church laboring in the bounds, but not yet united with Presbytery. The Rev. David W. Eakins, chaplain of United States Army, Fort Union, New Mexico, and Rev. P. D. McElroy, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of New York city, recently sent out by the Board of Foreign Missions, and located at Albuquerque.

Besides these ministers and churches composing the Presbytery of Santa Fe, there are now in the bounds of Presbytery, two Methodist ministers, one located at La Junta, and the other at Elizabethtown, with a church organization at each place. Also two Episcopal ministers, one in Santa Fe, and the other at LaCruces, with a church organization at each place. These comprise all the Protestant ministers and churches at the present time, in the Territory of New Mexico.

D. F. McFARLAND.

SANTA FE, N. M. Stated clerk.
Oct., 19th 1871. Pres. Santa Fe.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WYOMING, BY REV. WM. G. KEPHART, STATED CLERK.

The Missouri River Presbytery at a meeting in Sioux city, Iowa, April, 29th 1869, in connection with the Presbyteries of Fort Dodge and Desmoines appointed Rev. Sheldon Jackson as Superintendent of their Missions in Nebraska, Western Iowa, Dakota, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado.

Immediate steps were taken to occupy all the principal points as centers of operations. Rev. John L. Gage, Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, was commissioned for Cheyenne and Laramie. He commenced labor on that field May, 18th 1869, and remained three months. On the petition of some of the citizens of Cheyenne, claiming to be Presbyterians the Presbytery of Missouri River, appointed Rev. Sheldon Jackson and Rev. John L. Gage, a committee to organize a Presbyterian church. In compliance with the request the church was organized July, 18th 1869, with the nine signers of the petition.

Mr. Gage was followed by Rev. H. P. Peck, Oct. 10th 1869. He in turn by Rev. Wm. G. Kephart, February 1st, 1870, who is still in charge. The foundation for a house of worship was laid in the fall of 1869, and the building erected in the spring of 1870, the funds being largely contributed by the Board of Church Erection and the Rutgers St. Presbyterian church of New York city. The building was dedicated July, 16th 1870, solemnly by Rev. Sheldon Jackson. Dedicatory prayer by Rev. Wm. G. Kephart. The church

was named "The Krebs Memorial Presbyterian Church" in memory of Rev. John M. Krebs, D. D.

HELENA, MONTANA TERRITORY.

The Presbyterian church of Helena, was organized by Rev. Sheldon Jackson on Sabbath August 1st, 1869, with thirteen members. The services were held in the Academy. Rev. W. W. Paris of Chicago, was soon after put in commission for that field, but was prevented from accepting the appointment. In the fall of 1871, Rev. Josiah Welch was commissioned for Montana, but was prevented from going by the necessities of the work at Salt Lake City. So that the Territory remained unsupplied until this present season, when three Ministers are under commission from the Boards of Home missions to occupy the Territory.

RAWLINGS, WYOMING TERRITORY.

The third church, in order of organization, by Rev. Sheldon Jackson August, 8th 1869, with six members. Wm. C. Wilson, Ruling Elder.

Immediate steps were taken for the erection of a church and on March 13th, 1870, the First Presbyterian church building erected along the line of the Union Pacific R. R. was dedicated to God. The services were conducted by Rev. Sheldon Jackson. This church was the result of funds contributed by Mrs. Wm. E. Morris, and friends of Philadelphia, and the Board of Church Erection.

In August, 1870, Rev. F. L. Arnold having removed to Laramie commenced preaching at Rawlings.

LARAMIE, WYOMING TERRITORY.

The church at Laramie was organized on August 10th, 1869, by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and Rev. John L. Gage with five members. G. M. Lancaster, ruling elder. Revs. Messrs Gage, Peck and Kephart each labored at Laramie in connection with Cheyenne.

Previous to Rev. Mr. Kephart's arrival, the little church had been reduced by removals to three members, and the ruling elder joined the Baptist church. The church was gathered up by Mr. Kephart and in the spring of 1870 Mr. Charles H. Richards was elected and installed ruling elder. In August, 1870, Rev. F. L. Arnold took charge of the Church and still remains its supply. Early in 1871, steps were taken towards erecting a Church building. Mrs. Daniel Parish, of New York City, becoming interested in the enterprise, contributed a memorial offering of three thousand dollars towards the building, and subsequently added an organ, and silver communion service, her husband presenting a bell.

The church was completed and dedicated on Sabbath, Feb. 4th, 1872—sermon by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, dedicatory prayer by Rev.

F. L. Arnold, the pastor. Rev. Wm. G. Kephart, of Cheyenne, and Rev. F. Stewart, of Evans, taking part in the services. The parsonage was erected in the fall of 1870. In commemoration of the Re-union, and at the request of Mrs. Parish, the church was named "The Union Presbyterian Church of Laramie."

CORINNE, IDAHO.

Early in May, 1869, Mr. Jackson, secured the services of Rev. Melancthon Hughe, who arrived at Corinne, June, 11th 1869, and commenced services on Sabbath, June 13th. On 6th of August, 1869, Mr. Jackson held a public meeting in the old city hall (an unplanned board shanty) at which Hon. E. P. Johnson, Dr. J. W. Graham and J. A. Gaston, were elected trustees of the Presbyterian Church to be formed. Early in April, 1870, Rev. Edward E. Bayliss, removed to Corinne, commencing public services on the 10th of April and continuing until October, 9th 1871.

The organization of the church was effected on the 14th of July, 1870, with nine members. G. A. Bruce, ruling elder. The services were conducted by Rev. Sheldon Jackson and Rev. E. E. Bayliss. In August lots were secured and the erection of the church commenced. This church was completed and dedicated on Sabbath November 20th 1870. Rev. John Brown of Elko, Nevada, and Rev. Sheldon Jackson assisting Rev. E. E. Bayliss in the services.

Upon the leaf of the pulpit Bible presented by the Infant class of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, New York, is written "Though the grandest river in the world, the Rocky mountains, and over half the width of a continent, separate us from our infant friends in Syracuse, it is delightful to reflect that Christian love is broader than plains, and grander than mountains; that little children are suffered to come with mission offerings and evangelists in Utah, are upborne by the prayers of the pure in heart."

The parsonage was erected early in 1870. During the winter of 1871-72, the church was supplied from time to time by Rev. Josiah Welch, of Salt Lake city.

SWEET WATER MINES.

During the summer of 1869, Rev. Sheldon Jackson and Rev. M. Hughs, made several missions tours to South Pass city, and Atlantic, but Indian difficulties prevented any permanent occupancy.

EVANSTON, WYOMING TERRITORY.

The field was first visited and canvassed by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, April 24th 1871. Services were held in a hall over a saloon. The church was organized early in July, and a neat church building completed by January, 1st 1872. During 1871, the church was supplied by that indefatigable laborer Rev.

F. L. Arnold, of Laramie. —The church was dedicated by Mr. Jackson April 28th, 1872.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

Though the eyes of the church had been, for months, turned toward Salt Lake City, as a mission field, it was not until July 1st 1871, that Rev. Sheldon Jackson was directed by the Board of Home Missions, to ascertain if the time had come for the establishment of a mission. He was followed by the Rev. Cyrus Dickson, D. D., secretary of the Board.

The way being found open, Rev. Josiah Welch, under commission for Montana Territory, was transferred to Salt Lake City.

He commenced laboring there, October 1st 1871. The church was organized with twelve members, on Sabbath, November 12th 1871, in the Skating Rink, by Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and Rev. Josiah Welch, assisted by Rev. G. S. Boardman D. D., who was providentially present. Messrs. J. J. Critchelow, E. H. Parsons, and M. B. Osburne, were elected, and installed ruling elders. An appeal was issued, asking 5,000 Presbyterian women, to contribute \$5.00 each, as a Christmas gift to the Lord, to be used in building a Presbyterian Church, at Salt Lake City.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY.

At the ajourned meeting of the General Assembly, Old School, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., November 1869, the ministers and churches in Wyoming, Utah, and Montana, were placed in the new Presbytery of Colorado.

At the General Assembly held in Chicago, May, 1871, they were constituted a Presbytery by them-selves, to be known as the Presbytery of Wyoming.

In response to several overtures, the General Assembly took the following action.

"Resolved: That the General Assembly hereby constitutes the Presbytery of Wyoming, to be composed of Rev. E. E. Bayliss of the Presbytery of Des Moines, Rev. F. L. Arnold of the Presbytery of Iowa City, Rev. W. G. Kephart, of the Presbytery of Missouri River, Rev. Lewis Hamilton, of the Presbytery of Colorado, and Rev. J. F. Stewart, of the Presbytery of Colorado, with the churches in Montana, Wyoming, and Utah, that the first meeting of the Presbytery be held at Laramie, Wyoming Territory, on the 2d Friday of June, at 7 45 P. M., and that it be opened with a sermon, by the Rev. W. G. Kephart, or in his absence, by the oldest minister present, who shall preside until a moderator be elected."

There being no quorum present at Laramie at the time designated above, an adjournment was made to Cheyenne, in pursuance

of which Presbytery met at Cheyenne on Tuesday the 13th of June, at 2 P. M. Present Rev. F. L. Arnold, Rev. Wm. G. Kephart, Rev. J. F. Stewart, and Rev. Sheldon Jackson, corresponding member. The session was opened with a sermon by Rev. F. L. Arnold, from Mark 9:29. Rev. F. L. Arnold was chosen Moderator and Rev. Wm. G. Kephart Stated clerk. The first commissioners to the General Assembly were Rev. Wm. G. Kephart and elder G. E. Gates.

At its second meeting, the following action was taken with reference to the Superintendent of Missions, for the Territories:

"We, the members of the Presbytery of Wyoming, take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation and entire satisfaction with the work and services of Brother Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Missions in the large and interesting field over which he is placed, and particularly over that within the bounds of our Presbytery. We take pleasure in endorsing his work and hereby tender our thanks for the timely assistance which he has been instrumental in giving to our weak and struggling churches, his careful oversight and watchfulness, his untiring zeal, encouragement and judicious counsel to our ministers and people; and further, we recommend that he be re-appointed Superintendent of Missions for the same field, for the ensuing year."

The following resolution of thanks was also adopted:

"The Presbytery of Wyoming, in session at Laramie, February 3d 1872, rejoicing with the Union Presbyterian Church of Laramie in the completion of their beautiful house of Worship; and being thus forcibly reminded of the warm christian sympathy and generous assistance that has enabled this and other of its weak churches to secure such neat and comfortable buildings, would take the occasion of its first annual meeting to express the thanks of the Presbytery to Mrs. Daniel Parish, of New York, for her large donation to the church at Laramie; to The Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church, of New York City, for their substantial assistance to the church at Cheyenne; to Mrs. William E. Morris and friends, of Philadelphia, for the chapel at Rawlin Springs; to the Second Presbyterian Church, of Elmira, New York, the Presbyterian Church of Yorktown; N. Y., and C. W. Smith, Esq., for their generous assistance to the church at Greeley, Colorado; and to the Board of Church Erection for their timely and efficient help in all our church enterprises."

Resolved: That the General Assembly hereby constitutes the Presbytery of Wyoming, to be composed of Rev. E. E. Bayliss of the Presbytery of Des Moines, Rev. F. L. Arnold of the Presbytery of Iowa City, Rev. W. G. Kephart, of the Presbytery of Missouri River, Rev. Lewis Hamilton, of the Presbytery of Colorado, and Rev. J. F. Stewart, of the Presbytery of Colorado, with the churches in Montana, Wyoming, and Utah, that the first meeting of the Presbytery be held at Laramie, Wyoming Territory, on the 2d Friday of June, at 7 45 P. M., and that it be opened with a sermon, by the Rev. W. G. Kephart, or in his absence, by the oldest minister present, who shall preside until a moderator be elected."



First Presbyterian Church

OF DENVER, H St., above Stout,

REV. W. Y. BROWN, PASTOR. *Residence, Curtis St., bet. K and L.*

The Church was organized December 15th, 1861, by Rev. Amos S. Billingsley, who supplied the pulpit about one year.

ADDITIONAL PASTORS.

Rev. A. R. Day, from March 1862 to March 1865.

Rev. J. B. McClure, from October 1865 to October 1867.

Rev. A. Y. Moore, from February 1868. for three months.

Rev. A. R. Day, from November to March 1869.

Rev. C. M. Campbell, from April 1869 to April 1870.

Rev. W. Y. Brown, from July 1870, the present pastor.

This church erected a church-edifice on "F" St. in 1863 at a cost of \$5,200—and their present building on "H" St. in 1871, at a cost of \$12,200.00.

THE PEWS ARE FREE, and the church is entirely supported by the voluntary offerings of the people.

✠ The following sentence should be read immediately after the word "form," in the sixteenth line, second column of the third page: "And which was taken under the care of the Presbytery of Missouri River, (O. S.), and subsequently transferred to the Presbytery of Highland, within whose bounds the Church was located."

Jan. 1st, 1872.

\$100.00 is what has accumulated since our wedding day to January 1st, 1874 over what I have used for benevolent objects of one tenth of my earnings since that time.

Will you please inform me as to the disposal of this money and keep me posted from time to time as to the temporal and spiritual welfare of these churches. I shall watch them from year to year with more than ordinary interest. My prayers will follow this money, that God will bless this gift of my deceased wife, and the smaller one from me, to the advancement of the cause of Christ in the world.

Very truly I am your brother in Him,

G. M. T. Johnson.

P. S. Do you have any use for old Sunday School papers for children? "Monthly Visitor" & "Good words".

G. M. T. J.

New York, Jan. 3rd, 1872.

My Dear Jackson-

Though a little late - I wish you and Mrs. J. and the little girls "A Happy New Year".

I forget whether I told you in my last that our money matters have been pleasantly looking up since November 1st. Our receipts for November and December, were \$97.375. This is doing pretty well for the two months - Hope it will keep on till the year closes -

I shall not be able to get the songs of the Sanctuary for Welch as a donation, but I may beg and give till I see the thing through. I have written W. to inquire how many he needs

Do you know about the Congregational Building there yet? If he gets that how much need he beg \$5.00 from every woman in the country? My wife is rather disposed to use her donation on the Hymn Books. Would not that be just as well?

Your Festival of the Snow Bound Association, &c.

came to her this morning - I am glad you were able to laugh and not cry.

I made a call on Bishop Randall, who is stopping in Brooklyn only an evening or two ago - He gave me his report Get it Jackson, and read it - He proposes to take New Mexico - He evidently thinks the Canonicals and vestments will do it! Well, let him try. Hurry up the papers on the Black Hawk case.

Mrs. McCurry of Chetopa Kansas has determined to form a sewing society and get up a box - I propose that she shall send it (about \$30.) to Geo. Rice Idaho, perhaps to your care.

I am sorry I could not find any thing for Martin to busy himself with. I hope he is gaining. Isn't his wife splendid!

Mrs. K. would be remembered to you all - When are you going to send her Bessie's photograph taken when she is sucking her thumb? She took a great fancy to that attitude.

Do you mean to insinuate that Adams is doing well enough at Pueblo to be kept at work? I thought you considered him a failure. Let us know exactly what you desire or advise -

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

We must have the application from the churches themselves - and our District Missionaries must insist on the people at home, writing out their application and then have the paper itself endorsed by the Stated Clerk in open Presbytery or by the H. M. Committee. We must have it! Their extempere application made in open Presbytery, made by some elder when we do not know whether he speaks the voice of the people or not, is not sufficient - We must have something better or we will not touch it - We have reiterated this often enough so that every man ought to understand it - When the Black Hawk application comes to us we will act on it - We will not act before and you may as well insist that all such applications of the Presbytery, hereafter will be treated as waste paper - Send us the application itself!

Yours H. K.

286 Lexington Ave.
Jan. 9th, 1872.

My dear Brother:

I should like to know whether the belfry on the church at Laramie is a mere ornament or whether it can be arranged to have a bell hung there. If one can be put there - how heavy a bell would be needed for the tower. And what would be the safest and cheapest way of transportation.

Please answer these enquiries at your early convenience. Your communication as to the work in Utah has improved this Parish very much.

Yours truly,

J. O. Murry.

Atlantic Iowa,
Jan., 11th, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear brother,

Your letter is received and I hasten to reply. I think I might go West myself in six or eight weeks and my family could follow me.

I had not intended to go quite so soon as that, but if anything is to be gained by it I could leave here in that time. See what you can do for me and give me as full and definite information as possible.

I am not much concerned for myself but would like as pleasant a home for my wife as possible.

I think Corinne would likely suit me, but cannot tell without knowing something of the present condition of the place.

You know what I want and I will leave the matter in your hands. It is a matter of very great interest and importance to me and I trust you will do as well by me as you can. Let me hear from you soon. With very kind regards to yourself & family, I am

Yours Fraternally, Mr. Hughes.

Jan. 11, 1872.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir,

Mother has requested me to say to you that she has ready to send six comfortables made and intended for Missionary families. Shall they be forwarded to you, subject to your disposition - or will you send the names of any who may need them.

We have had very cold weather here, and have consequently had our thoughts directed more to the needs of those who may be unable to provide themselves with requisite clothing -

Mother's kind love to yourself and wife - and earnest sympathy with you in all your labors for the cause of our wonderfully loving Saviour - in which I join - Hoping to hear from you as soon as your time and convenience will permit,

I am yours,

Mrs. D. C. Enos
28 Monroe Place
Brooklyn.

Evans Col.

Jan. 12th, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson,

You are perhaps aware that we are ready for dedication at Greeley Sabbath the 21st inst. We hope to see you at that time and will expect you to preach the dedication sermon. We would like if the other bretheren in Denver could be with us on that occasion.

Would you please name the matter to Brother Wells and Brown, and any other of the Ministerial Bretheren you may see. We are rather encouraged with the prospects at Greeley, yet as it is fashionable there to change Ministers every few months, we are likely to be drifted in the same current and some have signified their intention to unite with us if they could have a voice in choosing their Minister. This is the way it is represented to me, and of course makes it unpleasant for me to feel that I have not been chosen by them. I am anxious to see you in reference to the matter and I will

unfold to you my plans, prospects, and purposes. We have a festival at Greeley next Wednesday evening.

Hoping to see you at least by the time of Dedication,
I am your Brother in Christ,

John F. Steuart.

Jan. 15th, 1872.

1300 Arch L.

Rev'd S. Jackson,
My dear Friend,

When I received your note asking me to have clothing prepared for Mr. Welsh and Mr. Lowrie - I addresses a note to each asking for measures - when I heard again from you informing me, they were to be supplied by others.

Mr. Lowrie has written to me since, to say the clothing to be sent to him - he would not get he had heard it had been forwarded to another party. We are now at work getting under clothing made up for him.

I also received your appeal for the Church at Salt Lake City. Will do what I can.

Is Golden near Denver? if so I should like to send a keepsake to my little friends Daisy and Bessy - if too far away I must wait for another opportunity.

I had a call from Dr. Dickson recently - he spoke of their great need of money - which I think he is doing all he can to obtain. Some are disposed to think it will not work well to have two Secretaries as it is not probable their views will harmonize Dr. K. - is said to be high pressure. There certainly ought not to be two, if one can do the work, under existing circumstances. - I have had several letters recently from Missionaries who have not been paid for month's and are getting no pay out of Bank at exorbitant interest who is accumulating against them - I could mention some sad cases.

May many rise up to call you blessed for having been the instrument in the hands of God in saving their souls.

With love to Mrs. J. and the children,
Your friend in Christ,

Mrs. N.

Salt Lake City,
Jan., 16th, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your favor of Dec. 25th came to hand while I was at Corinne - I have been very busy since, hence delay in answering. I spent one week in Corinne, I hope profitably, as it was a pleasant one to me - preached every eve during the week and twice on Sunday, having Communion in the eve. Our audiences grew until the last, were very attentive, and some two or three seemed to be somewhat concerned about their condition. - I was sorry that I could not have staid longer - I think that it is a very interesting and inviting field. I am going to write to a couple of my Seminary acquaintances I think I can persuade one of them to come out. The Committes think they can raise \$500.00 will the Board Grant \$700. more? I think I could live like a prince there on \$1200.00 .

We are getting along nicely here - It takes a good deal of pecking with mallet and chisel to get some of the rough corners off, and get the tenants to fit the Mortices, but I think we are succeeding admirably. We had about seventy-five yesterday morning, and about sixty in eve. We have about twenty-five at Sunday School; it grows slowly -

We have organized a prayer meeting - one half hour before every service. I think we can make it go. The money comes in slowly. We have received between seven and eight hundred dollars, all (with exception of \$55.00) individual subscriptions; We have not heard from the Churches yet Some write to us that they are working.-

Mrs. Ewing (the woman from Howard Church, - San Francisco) is like Alex. the Coppersmith - I don't know what to do with her. I am well satisfied that she is a very bad character; everybody who knows anything about her, seems to think so; and yet we havn't an iota of direct testimony. I hope the Lord will show her the error of her ways soon, or open up the way for us to get rid of her, for such a load just now is crushing to so young an organization as we are.

Mrs. Newkirk of Philadelphia, wrote to me to know whether we stood in need of any books - I sent to her for Songs of Sanctuary or some other hymn book.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Lowrie. When will you be out? I have my letter to unite with Wyo-

ming Presbyterian. What shall I do with it?
Your Brother in Christ,

Josiah Welch.

Valmont,
Jan. 28th, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother,

I have thought for some days of writing you in regard to our Church matters here, but have been awaiting developments, but so far have nothing to report further than that on last Sabbath evening one week Mr. Campbell announced that on Wednesday evening there would be a meeting of the congregation, to take steps to secure a Pastor &c. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the state of my health, (I have not been at all well since December 26th, when I caught a very severe cold) I did not attend, and up to this time I have met no one who did or who could tell whether there was a meeting or not. I only know that at least eight, and I think ten of the families representing a large majority of the membership, were not represented if there was a meeting. Mr. Campbell said nothing about it on Sabbath. I met him to-day but he did not refer to the matter, in fact he has not said one word to me about our Church since you were here, though we have talked of the general interests of the Church at large on several occasions. There is more dissatisfaction among the members of the Church since you were here. Mr. Moor told me last week that he and his wife and two neices were much dissatisfied and he felt that he was wrong in voting for Campbell last year, though his feeling does not refer to Campbell, so much as Chambers.

I think Campbell is preaching better this winter than at any time since he commenced this time, and if he would assert his manhood and free himself from extraneous influence and devote himself to his work as a Preacher of the Gospel, he might be a useful man, but I do not believe he will do any good here under existing circumstances.

I do not know what is best to be done, but think it is about time for a change of some kind. I understand yourself and Mr. Brown were appointed by Pres. to visit this

Church. I would be very glad if you could come out and see how matters are, I think good would result, if you would come and stop a few days.

I should perhaps have stated that in two of the families referred to the members are holding their letters.

Mrs. H. joins in kind regards to Mrs. J. and yourself.

Yours truly,

P. M. Housel.

Copy.

Laramie Wyoming Terr.

Feb. 3, 1872.

To the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

To the Board of Home Missions - Whereas the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, District Missionary for Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico & Montana Territories, through the faithful discharge of the duties of said office, has performed a work which could not be accomplished by a local laborer & Whereas the field transversed by this Brother still needs the oversight of some one individual representing the Board of Home Missions and the Synod - Therefore - Resolved that this Presbytery requests the reappointment of Rev. Sheldon Jackson to his present work.

Unanimously passed at Central City, March 18th, 1872.

C.M. Campbell, Mod.

W. Y. Brown, Tem. Clk.

Cheyenne, W. T.,

Feb. 17th, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have just received your letter containing a request to send you "a brief account, with dates as far as you can, of your work in New Mexico".

Had the same request been made twenty years ago, I

could have taken a great deal of interest in complying. But at this remote period, the subject has lost its interest to a great extent.

My mission to New Mexico, in 1850 - 1853, was rather peculiar, as it was a little religious, and a great deal political. I went out under the joint patronage of the American Missionary Association, and the old American Anti-Slavery Society - religiously to operate against Catholicism, politically against the Slave - power, which had already begun to make vigorous efforts to carry their system of human chattels into all the newly acquired territories. This explanation is necessary in order to account for the line of policy I pursued while there, as I was known more widely as the Editor of the Santa Fe Gazette than as a Missionary. In the States, however, I was known ostensibly as the Missionary of the American Missionary Association.

In the Spring of 1850 that Association, which was wholly undenominational, made a call for a Missionary to take the New Mexican field. I offered my services, and was accepted, leaving Ohio about August, 1st, 1850, and leaving Ft. Leavenworth as a passenger on an ox - train, September 19th, .

At that time there was, besides Military forts, but one white settlement in Kansas, though there were individuals here and there misseminating with Indian Squaws, and settled on small parcels of land, living in a half savage state. The small Settlement at Council Grove Kansas, was the only one between the Missouri line and Santa Fe.

Our trip was a very slow and tedious one, so much so that I left the train on a mule, when about two-thirds of the way across, and, with two others, struck out for Santa Fe, where we arrived in safety about the middle of November, 1850. The train with my trunk, clothing, books, &c., did not reach Santa Fe 'till some time in December.

I pass over my editorial and anti-slavery work, as I suppose you only desire to know something of my Mission work. As soon as I arrived in Santa Fe, the Methodist Missionary, E. G. Nicholson, (who arrived at the same time,) and myself, went jointly to work to fit up a small chapel for our joint occupation.

We had not long continued thus, however, when, by the circulation of some Anti-Slavery tracts, I stirred up the mob spirit of the Southerners in the Territory, and my good brother, who was braver at the fire-side than in the face

of a mob, proposed a separation, to which I readily assented, still continuing, however, to board in his family, as I was then unmarried.

When Brother N. and myself arrived in Santa Fe we found there one other Minister, H. W. Reed, who was acting as Chaplain of the Army. He was of the Baptist denomination. In 1852, I think, the Baptist Society sent out Rev. L. Smith and wife, Shaw and wife, and Gorman and wife. Smith remained in Santa Fe, Shaw and Gorman went to points that I do not now recollect. The last three bretheren I esteem as excellent men. The Chaplain was - well, "a Reed shaken by the wind".

The American Bible Society furnished me, through the American Missionary Association, some three or four hundred Spanish Testaments, and the Methodist Society afterward sent Brother Nicholson about as many Spanish Bibles; We made joint stock of these, and distributed them, together with some Vols of D'Aubigne History of the Reformation, and Dr. Murray's (Kirwan's) letters on Romanism, as we had access to the people.

At that time there was but one in every one hundred of the population that could read even Spanish. Of course I speak of the native Mexicans. The Mexican ecclesiastics were Franciscans, and not skilled in the duplicities of the Jesuits. I never heard of the Mexican priests making objection to their people having bibles, and the people received them joyfully.

But as soon as Bishop L'Amy came out from the States with a re-inforcement of foreign priests, there was at once a change. In one of the pueblas of the Rio abajo, a bon-fire was made of our bibles on the public plaza, by order of the Catholic Vicano, as I learned soon after from an Army Surgeon himself a staunch Catholic. And from Gov. Lane (who had it upon Mexican authority,) I learned that the people had instructions from their Bishop and priests to always receive our books, tracts, &c., politely, but as soon as we had left to put them in the fire and burn them on pain of excommunication.

A little incident will show the Jesuitical policy. We had hired a very old and poor Mexican to act as Sexton for our Chapel. He was very much pleased with his position as it afforded him a little revenue, and we occasionally replenished his delapidated wardrobe with some articles of

clothing. He came to us in great distress one day, and told us he was old, and could not expect to live long, and that the Bishop or priest had told him if he died they could not bury him in the burying ground at the Church. This to a Mexican was equivalent to a consignment to perdition, and the old man left us.

As is too often the case in our Missionary operations, the most favorable time to have struck a telling blow to Catholicism in New Mexico was immediately following the conquest of the Territory. But that time was lost. The conquest had given to Protestantism something like the prestige that the conquest by Cortez had given to Catholicism over the Aztecs. But two years elapsed before a Protestant Missionary entered the field. They had been preceded by gamblers, adventurers, and politicians who

"Crook the pregnant hinges of the knee

Where thrift may follow fawning,"

and the respect, or rather awe, with which they had regarded their conquerors as a superior race, had given place to disgust and contempt. In the re-action they had become more than ever attached to their old religion.

My Mission there was of short duration - not quite three years - as the American Missionary Association, on my return to the States in 1853, abandoned the Mission, much against the convictions of my own judgment, after the experience I had in the work. No Protestant Church had been organized in the Territory when I left there.

Yours truly,

W. G. Kephart.

Valmont, Col. Ter.
Feb. 22nd, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, C. T.

Dear Brother,

To leave no stone unturned I propose to close my ministry in the Valmont Church on the 1st of April. If the people wish me to preach to them after that date, it will

be necessary for them to make the fact known.

I preach here now simply because there is no other Minister here; and I do not wish to see the house closed. I have offered to vacate the pulpit at the moment of the appearance of any other Minister.

I write now to invite you to come up two weeks from next Sabbath Viz on the 10th day of March, -to preach in the morning at 11. o'clock and in the evening at 7. - and to moderate a Congregational Meeting immediately after evening service.

Can you be here?

Very respectfully,

Chas. M. Campbell.

Pewee Valley Ky.
Feb. 27th, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother,

Your letter was received several days since - I would have replied sooner but thought it best to wait until I could let you know about what time I would leave Kentucky. I have been busy for some time making arrangements to go and think I will be ready to start about the 11th or 12th proximo In about eight or nine days after I expect to be in Denver.

Allow me to thank you for the kind invitation to put up at your house when I reach Denver; also for the letters to secure half fare from Chicago to Cheyenne.

With great respect, I remain,

Your brother in Christ,

J. R. Russel.

Rev. John Wilson,
Board of Church Erection,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother:

In 1869, when Kreb's Memorial Church at Cheyenne was erected.--- In the contract for the building of the Presbyterian Church at Cheyenne it was stipulated that the building should be ceiled or plastered according to the wish of trustees as the work advanced. The contractor sent on a portion of the ceiling, which when the trustees decided in favor of plastering he sold to a resident of Cheyenne. The trustees went on and had the house plastered and in the final settlement offered the voucher of the plastering as so much payment in making up the contract price of building. The builder refused to accept it, but demanded the same amount as if he had himself paid the plasterer. This the trustees refused to pay. Thus the matter ran on until the spring of 1871 when the builder (Mr. Bridges, a Chicago man) finding me at the General Assembly had me arrested for the debt and bound over to appear at the trial at Chicago. It was evidently his intention to black mail me out of the amount. The case was placed into the hands of lawyers, to whom we entrusted all our papers, including contract, vouchers, correspondence, &c. These papers were all destroyed in the great Chicago fire last fall, so that we are left absolutely without any defence, except witnesses, that are over 1,000 miles away. Under these circumstances our Chicago lawyers, who are good presbyterians and have the cause at heart, have just informed us that there is so little prospect of our being able to gain the suit, that they have advised us to pay the bill and save further costs. And we have concluded to do so (Hobson's choice) as we are compelled to. The bill is about \$500 and as the church has no means and can not pay it and the suit is in my name, the money comes out of me. To settle the bill I will have to borrow the money, hoping and praying that God will dispose those who have the means and an interest in his cause to refund it to me.

Now dear Brother you see what a strait I am in ---Let me hear from you what had best be done. The true party to pay this loss would entertain the thing favorably if it was regularly and officially brought before them. If so, still there would be some delay before we could get the money from them, and in the meantime will you not speak to your friends and some others of the old friends of Dr. Krebs and see if they could not advance me \$500 or the trustees of the church the \$500 until we received from the Board.

In case the action of the Board seems doubtful, will you not please ask the same friends to assist in making this sum up. It is the Lord's doings and if we make an earnest effort in this matter may we not hope that He will raise up friends for us in this great emergency.

Very truly your Brother in Christ,

Sheldon Jackson.

Laramie, Wyoming.
Aug. 12, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We held our communion at Rawlins on the 2nd, Lord's Day of the present month. We received two on profession of their faith. One other is expected to join on my next visit. My object in writing is to know if there is not a communion service for the missionary churches of our country - If so this church needs one - I received that impression from some source and whether correct or not I presume you can tell. - They have money for the repair of their church - but they seem slow using it - The Catholics raised at a fair there, 1,000 and odd dollars for the building of a house of worship; and while we could not use some of the means which they employed for this purpose, we still might do something for our own support by similar, but laudable means.

We have a prospect of increasing our membership here by profession, but it will not appear with certainty until after the event transpires - My year thus far, has been a pleasant one - rather a hard struggle with the wolf, and the sheep, to the expense of going to Rawlins, but on the whole we have had a pleasant and profitable year - We had a fine sociable at our house which were present more than seventy guests. We have another for the 2. 3. next Saturday at four o'clock. - We are now living in a larger house in the outskirts of the town.

Kind regards to Mrs. J. and children.

Yours in the Gospel.

W. B. Hamilton.

Greeley Col.,
Feb., 27th, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson,

The package of Sabbath School papers came all right. Very much obliged. They were very acceptable, and meet our necessities for the present.

The Union Sabbath School met in our Church for the first time last Sabbath. Notwithstanding the snow storm, which was very severe at the hour of meeting, there were 64 present. No Congregationalists, teachers or scholars. They met in Colony Hall a little before our hour of meeting, and organized a Congregational Sabbath School - numbers we are told rather small.

There are but few Methodists in the Union School. Hence when they leave, as they will in the course of a month or two, we think we shall have a pretty fair school left. This movement on the whole promises to be advantageous to us. The average attendance of the Union School, under the present arrangement, will be about 100 to 120, and we hope after the Methodists leave from 75 to 100; perhaps we may be a little too sanguine.

Brother Kephart very kindly sent us the bundle of books you spoke of, and Mrs. Darling, one of our members, gave us about 30 or 35 volumes, making our library now number about 100 volumes. The Union Sabbath School however, have only the use of them; when the final separation takes place they are to remain with the Presbyterian School.

Dr. Schenck informs me by letter that the Board of Publishers have granted our school 30 copies of the Semi-monthly S. S. Visitor for the ensuing year, and \$30. worth of its publications, which are now on the way.

Our Congregations on the Sabbath are about the same, as when I last wrote. Our greatest need is some one to lead our church music. We have employed young Inman at \$2. per Sabbath; to play the organ for us, but he seems to take no interest in it, beyond his \$2.00 per day. It does not meet our wants, as we have no one in the Congregation, that can sing with the Instrument, and lead the congregation; consequently there have been some bad failures.

We are greatly obliged to our young friend Mr. Bouton of Denver, who has kindly consented to come up every Sabbath and supply this want.

On the whole our prospects, though not flattering, are

favorable, as much so perhaps as we have reason under the circumstances to expect. We feel the Lord has blessed us thus far; but he is also making us feel, that if we succeed we must work.

The opposition of our Congregational friends is very decided, developed, and bitter. We are trying to go on with our work, without noticing it - doing what is fair, magnanimous and Christian. We need your prayers, and also personal visitations once and a while to counsel and encourage us.

I have been thus particular, dear Brother that I might keep you informed as to how the work is going on here, that you also may be encouraged and feel that the Lord is blessing and prospering your labors.

Mrs. Thompson sends her kind regards to you and yours, hoping she may soon be better acquainted with your family. We are all well, except myself. I have been feeling a little more than usual, my old chronic complaint - so much so as to make it painful at times to get about.

I am yours very fraternally,

R. G. Thompson.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have been requested by the President of our Missionary Society; to write to you and state, that we have twenty five or thirty dollars in our Treasury, which we wish to send where it will be most needed.

Will you please write and tell us of a Home Missionary to whom we had better send it.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. L. I. Halsey.

1060 North Halsted St.
Chicago.

Theological Seminary N. M.
Chicago March. 1872.

Rev Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir and Brother:

Dr. Blackburn put in the hands of the class a letter from you relating to the Mission fields in Montana with the urgent request that some person or persons from the seminary go in and occupy. My closest field has been the foreign mission field but if I can do any good for the Master anywhere I hope I am ready to go. I do not expect to go to the foreign field for two or three years. One of them it is my desire to spend in home work and the other in sturying. My object in taking this course is not that I may only obtain the theoretical but the practical as well. I am an Western man, came to Ill. when it was a frontier state and it has been my pernament home ever since. Last summer I spent in Southern Ill. holding Sabbath School county conventions. among the classes of people who have been so much deceived on account of their prejudice against proaching and Sabbath Schools and have left many friends which would be a pleasure to meet again in the same work did I not think that perhaps there are enough here at home to occupy these fields while the fields further West are ripening and going to loss for lack of harvester. Now I know that the labor is hard but I do not trust I hope in self for long since God has in love taught me that this was but a frail stick on which to rest, and I hope that I have humbly gone to the higher. But there has been so much of self in this already. What I desire is that you will write me inmeadiately (as in three weeks we close) all the particulars you think necessary such as the price of board and washing the amount of salary. The kind of work required and if one years service would be any avail to you in this field. As to my personal abilities and character Dr. Blackburn, Dr. Halsey or any of the other professors can give you more information than it would be best for me to state and now in conclusion let me know as soon as you can the prospects for me as it will be necessitate a change in my arrangements to a certain degree. I could leave here the first week in May, as I expect to be ordained as an evangelist next April meeting of our Presbytery and then can go. May God bless you in your work and may many sheaves be gathered in those Western lands for God's vineyard is my prayer.

I am very respectfully your brother in Christ,
W. S. Frackelton.

Salt Lake City.

March 13, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your favor containing \$79. came to hand last evening. We have now something over \$1700. It comes in slowly--still I think we need not be discouraged. "If this work be of men it will come to naught but if it be of God, you cannot overthrow it" We had the largest audience last Sabbath that we have ever had. Our Sunday-school numbers now about sixty. I am going up to Corinne Saturday and will preach there D. V. morning and evening of Sunday. We want to have communion here Sunday week. I am sorry you could not get our commission sent through to us before that but we will get along. I am glad you are going to the Seminaries. There is a senior in the N. W. Seminary by name of Wilson whom I wish you to see--I think he will come out with you he is a good earnest man and will a fair worker. At the Alleghany Sem. call on Hall-Humphrey, Shields, Mc. Kinley, Little and Cooke--all good men. At Princeton go to Joseph Graham and he will introduce you to all the men, who will be worth having out in this Western field. I wrote to Graham sometime ago to get him to come to Corinne but he goes to the foreign fields. Among the Union Mex. Seminary the best men are Aurtin Ballentine, Bowen, Binistine Chalmers, Emmons, Geddes, Marts, Newal--Schlager, Schuler, Thompson Parry and Sexton. I underscore my choice. Hoping you will have a successful trip and come back with young enough men to take possession of this whole Western country for Christ.

I am yours truly,

Josiah Welch.

Wm. C. Rommel at Princeton. Get him if possible, friend of Gage's Lowrie's and Russel's. Simpson at Princeton.

Salt Lake City.

March 19, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have just returned from Corinne had a beautiful day Sunday and a good full house morning and evening. They say we had the largest audience Sunday evening that Corinne has ever turned out. The field is ripe for the harvest there and I think we have found the man--Mr. J. J. Hull of the senior class of Alleghany Sem. I met a friend of his at Corinne who saw him about five or six weeks ago in his home in Ohio and advised him to come out here for his health--he is predisposed to consumption. He is in the notion of coming he told Mr. Creu(his friend) if he could get an appointment from the Board he would come. He is

a college mate of mine and there is no better man in any of the graduating classes. He is a perfect gentleman. Mr. Mc Crew says he will make him a present of a horse-saddle and bridle if he comes to Corinne. I want you to see him before making a definite arrangement with anyone else. I write to him to-day and also to the Board. I got \$5.00 at Corinne for the Board of Education. We sent \$13 forward last week but I guess I told you. Our audience here on Sunday was about 100--Sunday-school numbered sixty then.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Lowrie.

Your brother in Christ,
Josiah Welch.

Chicago Ill.

March 25, 1872.

Brother Jackson:

We expect to send Mr. John R. Reedy to Colorado to labor a year or two as a _____ under your direction. He is a member of the First Church Chicago (Arthur Mitchells) has just completed his junior year in our seminary but is forced to pause in his course by a threatened failure of his eye-sight. He is an A. No 1 boy in all respects and can preach as you license him.

Please inform me as soon as you can how the expenses of living in Colorado compared with those in this section say Iowa and Illinois. If we pay \$35 per month besides expenses here how much more besides expenses should we pay in Colorado (Denver) and what would be about the percentage of increase in expenses?

Again, can you not get me a half fare ticket for Mr. Reedy from Omaha and have it sent to me? I dont know to whom to apply and am unknown to the officers of the road, You are not.

Good-bye with kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself,

Yours truly

C. O. Waters.

Franklin Ohio,

March 27, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

To-day I received a "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" and you can imagine how I longed to see Sheldon Jackson "Editor". It looked as funny as a letter recently sent to me from the Chicago Presbyterian Rev. J. Le Gage D. D. Well why should not our Brother Jackson be an editor. It does not require an immense corporosity yet does presuppose a great brain. My boys idea of an editor was a man as wise as father and twice as large. I suppose

we hear so often of our "little" district missionary we will now hear of our "little" editor. And this reminds me of which I heard a gentleman say of his horse which he was trying to sell to his preacher who objected that it was too small "But she is a big little more", put in the owner. Well Brother Jackson your paper looks like progress and may God bless you in your work. Count me a subscriber and find 50 cents enclosed.

How do you and your family prosper? I am getting along pleasantly in my old church in an old town in an old country. We do pretty much as our father's did--occasionally I amke an ovation. It worries me to see so little benevolence in the hearts of the christians. I often wish I were West again. The two years I spent at Masson and my labors at Cheyenne and Laramie are the happiest portions of my life. I enjoyed the works and meetings of Presbytery most intensely. I can not say that I have enjoyed the past year though I think my labors have been abundantly blessed and I have I think improved in sermonizing more than in the four previous years--gospel sermons and pointed sermons sinners need.

Give my love to Mrs. Jackson, Daisy and Bessie and I am as ever your Brother,

John I Gage.

Franklin, Warren Co.
Ohio,

I often pray for you.

Bozeman. April 4, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We have been blessed in this Bozeman church by the addition of three members upon profession of their faith and tomorrow evening we hold another session meeting and will probably D. V. increase our members still further probably by the addition of

There is quite an intense regarding religious matters now. D. V. I leave here on Monday morning next for the states at Corinne will telegraph you when I leave there, wish to see you and have a talk about mountain affairs. Every church save one has more than doubled its original membership during the year just past, thanks be to the Father for his goodness and love. There is an urgent need for four new men upon the field.### Wish you could straighten matters with Russel as he feels very badly hurt regarding the removal from Helena. It will I fear have such an effect upon him as to impair his usefulness. But I can tell you about it better if I can see you for a few hours and have a talk with you. I will leave Corinne as soon as I can after getting there. Davidson goes with me. But I must close.

Kind regards to self and family also to all friends in Denver.

Your Brother in Christ,

Will S. Frackelton.

Willow Creek Church has raised \$1115 for church building.

Petersburg. April 12, 1872.

Dear Brother:

Will be ready to start as soon as I get my appointment and would like to have the Board make me an advance of about \$250 including travelling expenses or say \$150 exclusive of travelling allowance. Would like to leave here about the first day of May if I can get away and by the seventh surely as I would like to get up to the mountains before hot weather commenced on account of the stage travel. As I failed to receive an appointment before the close of Presbytery I took a certificate of licensure to the Presbytery of Colorado and thought that I could be ordained with Russel. Have written to Rommel as you desired, have hopes that Eashart will see his way clear before long to follow us. Will you try to make arrangement for me to get a half fare pass from Chicago to Denver or to the place of leaving the rail-road. I am now only awaiting your and the Board's orders and would like to hear from you as soon as possible. Will try and write to Dr. Kendall tomorrow. Hoping to have an immediate reply and also state when I will have to meet your Presbytery.

I am as ever your brother in Christ,

W. S. Frackelton.

Petersburg Ill.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson. Denver Colorado,

Gansing 1. April 12, 1872.

Brother Robb;

Your two letters received. On the receipt of the first I wrote to Brother Sickles of Dixon and also to yourself but failed to get them in that days mail. I now suppress the two and write this to you instead. Am very glad to know that you are getting along well and have prospect of a useful summer. I hope that no trouble may occur to overshadow the present prospect. In all Presbyteries it is required that all ministers coming

within their respective bounds shall show credentials to the Presbyterial committee and receive approval and permit. As I was one of that committee in the Presbytery you experienced no difficulty here: but possibly might meet adverse criticism if not

complying with the rules in other Presbyteries.

May the Lord bless you in your labors in Viola. If ever needing reference show this letter as a cordial endorsement of yourself and a testimonial to the value of your labors in the Mt. Hope charge.

Yours truly
Jas. Trothingham.

Salt Lake City.
April 13, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have not heard from you for sometime. I suppose you are in the East but will no doubt return soon. Dr. Warner of the Congregational church for the Pacific is here this week to look at the ground. He thinks this is a rousing field and intends to recommend their board to send a man here soon- he thinks they let the bird out of the cage when they abandoned this work three or four years ago. So we may bid good-bye to our hopes of getting hold of Independence Hall. We have been looking around a little to see what lots can be gotten for. We can get one just in front of the city hall 53 by 180 for \$3000 We can get one a block further out than the Episcopal Church and one square further up on the hill for \$5000. It is a grand location only a little too far out, three blocks from Main Street just past Breynam's. A lot will cost us at-least five thousand dollars. Now we have been thinking of late whether we had not better put up a frame chapel which would seat two hundred and fifty people say-costing five or six thousand dollars. If the city grows as every thing now indicates I think we could count on being able to build our own church in five or six years; if the city does not grow we will never need any more room. What do you think of this plan? I wish you could come out and spend a Sunday with us. Come look at the prospects. We have about \$2000 on hand. I think we must try and do something as the hall will be very unpleasant for hot weather but I suppose we need not look to get out of it until sometime in Fall, whatever we do --unless we should be turned out. Everything goes along smoothly. I am going to Corinne to spend April 21st. D. V. The Baptists have started up here. I guess we will soon be able to boast of all the isms under the sun. If Mormonism isn't choked out in time, I will conclude it has more than ordinary vitality.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson.

Your Brother in Christ,
Josiah Welch.

Central City. April 17, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I presume you have returned from the East before this Can you make it convenient to come up and be with us on Sunday next as we will be with our preaching on that day unless you do, or some other minister is thrown Providentially upon us. I thought that Mr. Smith should supply us one service each Sabbath but it seems that our B. H. friends are not feeling very well in regard to Mr. Homittons leaving them and have engaged Mr. Smith to supply them and insist on the two services there and that is all he can do. He called at my house to-day to say that he thought he could not preach for us under this arrangement. I was not at home and did not see him but this is what he told Mrs. Van Deus. I think from what I hear that some of the B. H. church are disposed to censure you some (probably through misapprehension) for urging Mr. H to leave them and probably it would be well to set them right on the subject. I was told that Presbytery was blamed for placing the call in his hands with other recommendations that he accepts it. I thought until since he left that they were satisfied or cared but little as the elders were not present when the Presbytery took action upon it. I have had no conversations with any of them. I get this from Mr. Smith to whom some of them have spoken quite freely on the subject.

Our little church is still prospering and we manage to keep together and continue doing something during Mr. Lowrie absence. There were twenty out to the prayer meeting last Friday and a number who are in the habit of attending were prevented by sickness and other causes--from being present. I dont think we should suffer materially if we should miss our preaching services for a few Sabbaths if it is necessary but would much prefer to have our regular after-noon service if possible. We are talking some of purchasing the house and lot on Eureka Street where Mr. Lester lives for a church lot. What do you think of the location? It seems to strike almost everyone favorably so far. The house can be made to answer our purposes this year for a church, if thought best by taking the partitions out we can make a room 28 by 34 feet and have two good rooms up stairs for Sunday-school. We should like to see and talk over the matter with you at any rate and I hope you can see your way clear to come up soon if not next Saturday.

Your Brother,

A. J. Van Deus.

Lancaster Pa.

April 13, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear friend:

Enclosed please find a draft for thirty dollars which apply to the most pressing wants or in what ever way you think it will do the most good. If I had thought of it when I transmitted to you \$40 last summer I would have added ten more and then you could have named one window Lancaster Pa. in that memorial church. I am rejoiced at the work that has been done in those far off states and territories. The Lord has poured out his spirit in many places and encouraged the hearts of his people to labor in his vineyard by seeing the fruits of their labors in so many forsaking their evil ways and turning to the Lord.

You with other dear servants of the Lord are remembered at a throne of grace. I hope you will remember Lancaster in your prayers it is a wicked place and hard field of labor.

Your friend and well wisher

Anna M. Dale.

No. 211 E. King Street.

Lancaster Pa.

I had sent this to the office without endorsing the draft so had to go for it and open.

A. M. Dale.

Colorado Springs.

April 13, 1872.

Dear Brother:

Just arrived. I find one of the P. O. keys in my vest pocket not knowing when or how it got there. I received a letter from Dr. Kendall no money in it--saying Mrs. B. of New York city was a contributor of \$250.00 to home missions and I was designated as the peculiar personage to give her a quarterly letter with each quarterly report. All of which will be done with pleasure. My throat is still very sore. If it does not get better I will not be able to preach two times Sabbath. I am willing to preach out here until someone can be found who can well(?) fill my place. I hate to give up vastly more than you possibly can. The doctor said that I had better not preach longer than to June 15th. and then spend the summer and fall in the mountains in out door rough life. You must not suppose that I am discouraged with my field or work. There is no work that I desire if not the gospel, and certainly though there are discouragements here I

would not better my condition in that line in any other place now open. I shall say nothing to my flock about leaving until they find it out or I am ready to go. You may consider the field vacant whenever you find a good man for it no difference how soon. I am a little sorry Dr. Mendall should have sent Mrs. Breuster my name at such a time as this.

I am yours &c,

H. B. Gage,

I will be here to see after the church erection and the beginning

Chicago. April 20, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have arranged to settle the suit of Layman Bridges for \$300 and unpaid cost which will only be a few dollars. if you will send to my order a draft for the above amount I will settle the matter and send you the amount of costs.

Yours very truly,

John P. Wilson.

Chicago. May 10, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find receipt in full in Bridges suit. The costs which we have paid are \$9.70 Our fee is \$25.00

Very truly yours,

John P. Wilson.

Harrison and Whitehead Attorneys for Plff. Plffs,
Lyman Bridges against Sheldon Jackson.

Commenced May term 1871

disposed of May 9th. 1872.

Last order Judgment 300. satisfied in open court.

	Clerk's costs-----	\$11.90
Defts--	Clerk's costs-----	\$ 1.00
34946	Judges fee--pd.	\$250-
3--238		

\$1370

Dif--- \$ 4.00

Total---\$ 9.70

Received of Messrs Harrison and Whitehead \$9.90/100 in full for balance costs as above stated.

A. Jacobson

May 9, 1872,

Clerk.

West Chester, Chester Co., Penn.
April 21, 1872,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Yours of the 17th. reached me yesterday. As I cannot know at present whether aid has reached Mr. Adams from the relief fund or not I thought it might be best to forward my little donation direct to you and ask that you will appropriate it as you see will do the most good. When this is gone I can raise a little more if necessary. I did not offer the money to our Home Missionary Board because I thought there might be cases of special need which could not be met by the Board in their appropriations. If you hear of other cases of suffering and let me hear from you I will do my utmost to relieve them. I am fully persuaded that so far as I am concerned it is my duty to divide even to the last dollar. I only ask you of you that no mention at any time may be made of my name in the little I can do. And I wish particularly to ask an interest in your prayers for my only child left me of eight, who is out of the Ark of Safty. He left his home early in life and has been thrown among Unitarians. He said to me not long ago "Mother I am not a Unitarian, I tried hard to be for they are such a very refined people, that it does not seem possible that they can be out of the way, so much love for each other and for the church. It seems hard to believe they are on the wrong road." He is a young man of twenty-eight just married and building as on a strong rock on his morality. He is a high minded honorable man, gives to the claims of the church one tenth of his income. Is now aiding a young man to prepare for the ministry. And yet it is evident that he has never yet seen himself to be a sinner. A life of faith he knows nothing of.

Hoping that you will still remember me in your prayers and especially "What-so-ever we do may be done for the glory of God" I remain your sister in Christ,

P. A. Brooks.

Rev J. Sanford Smith,

Germantown Phila., Pa.

April 24, 1872.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

Last year the ladies of this church sent a box of clothing to Rochester Minna., on suggestion of the brother's name by yourself. They were much pleased with his letter and with the whole case. This year I have again written Dr. Dickson for a miss

ionary's name but again receive no answer. It will gratify us all if you can send us a name of some one to whom we can send a box of supplies. We would like to send it as soon as possible and would like therefore to be placed in communication with the brother to be aided at once. I know that this is asking a favor of you but it is one which you will I am sure be ready to grant. One suggestion, as we are so far East it would save considerable expense in freight if the place were again in Minnesota or at least not too far West. Of course I am not authorized to promise positively that the box will be sent to the place named, for the ladies in the meantime may become interested elsewhere, but I have very little doubt that if the name reaches us soon a substantial testimonial of affection will reach its owner and family soon after. If convenient please let me know if this is received and what your impressions are--so that I can report progress.

I hope to go over again part of your field one of these days and still retain warm interest in it. Please give my kind salutations to Mrs. Jackson. And believe me,

Yours in Amstian bonds.

J. F. Dripps.

 Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey St. N. M.
 April 30, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have been gone from the office three days missed seeing Lowrie on that account have gone to the country with my wife. She had hoped Lowrie would get here in time for her to see him. Dr. Dickson has gone to Philadelphia to "weld" U. P's. and then Poatmody to Perhaps he has written you while I have been gone. If not probably Lowrie will tell you all about it. He saw Rommell who consents to go about July the first. That is about six weeks after you do, we thought therefore as you proposed to go up with the boys you had better hold Helena yourself until he comes. We shall conclude and finish up the matter Monday next. Durant of Princeton a princely fellow that Rommell wanted to go with him.

 Princeton April 30, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

After much hesitation and careful consideration of the call to Montana I have concluded to accept Dr. Dickson's offer and go to that field as a Home Missionary. My duties as Tutor in the college in this place will detain me here until the

of July. I hope then to be ordained as an Evangelist and be on the mission ground by the first of September. What have you to recommend in the way of out-fits, books &c.? Are prices so high in Montana as that it would pay to buy in the East all necessities. I would like to travel about the territory before settling down in a particular field providing of course that there be need in order to see the real wants of the region and form an idea of the best plan of operation for the supply of these wants and it would also be beneficial to my health. I presume Montana is not subject to malaria at least as our less elevated Western states. I hope that it will not be a chill and fever region where I may be located as chills and fever are old acquaintances &c.

Two Helena weekly papers were received which speak well for the enterprize and intelligence of that inland city. Documents concerning Montans were also received for all of which please accept my thanks.

The travelling expenses will be heavy is there no possible way pass or ministerial rates? Would the fact of being newspaper correspondent be of any assistance?

Whatever suggestion you may think best to give me in regard to the field or preparations for it will be thankfully received.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Rommel.

Petition for Presbytery of Montana.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in session at Detroit Mich. May 1872.

Fathers and Brothers:

We the undersigned Missionaries under commission of the Board of Home Missions for Montana and Utah territories would respectfully represent to your venerable body;----First, That our churches in Montana are a thousand miles and those in Utah five hundred miles from the usual places of meeting of the Presbytery of Wyoming and that to attend those meetings would cost us each from \$50.00 to \$150.00 according to distance.

Second, that there is a fair prospect of a rapid developement of Presbyterian interests in these territories.

Third, The creation of a new Presbytery is necessary to give us relief and give us a presbyterial supervision. For these reasons we do earnestly request you to organize Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Rev. J. R. Russel and Rev. William S. Frackelton of the Presbytery of Colorado, Rev. Josiah Welch of the Presbytery of Wyoming, Rev. L. R. Crittenham of the Presbytery of Pittsburg,

and Rev. W. C. Rommel of the Presbytery of Elizabeth together with the Presbyterian churches in Utah and Montana into a Presbytery to be known as the Presbytery of Montana. ---Said Presbytery to hold its first meeting at Helena Montana on Saturday June the 15, 1872 at eleven o'clock A. M. Rev. Sheldon Jackson or in his absence the oldest minister present to preach the opening sermon and to preside until a new moderator is chosen,

Signed,

Josiah Welch,

J. R. Russel.

William S. Frackelton,

Endorsement of the members of the Presbytery of Wyoming.

We the undersigned members of the Presbytery of Wyoming do unite in the request of our brothers and feel that the interests of Presbyterianism will be promoted in the formation of this Presbytery,

Josiah Welch.

F. L. Arnold,

Jhon F. Stewart,

I most heartily join in the above request. It is essential for greater progress in the work.

Sheldon Jackson.

Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Montana,

presbyterian Rooms.

30 Vesey St. N. Y.

May 2, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We have just received a letter from Wetts. He is all ready to go but as I wrote you a few days ago our Montana list is full, Rommel, Russel and Frackelton will receive commissions and travelling expenses at once. But as to Wetts if Corinne were open we would put him there or if he will go th Carson City or California or Kansas or Nebraska we will send him right along, but we need to hear from you at once. you say send Wetts to Colorado but where have you any opening in Colorado? I dont know of any, so I think you had better write me again. If he should desire to wait a little you would pass through Corinne and find out whether that man sticks or not. But at all counts we can't send him out now I see.

Yours &c,

H. Kendall.

Presbyterian Rooms, 30 Vesey St. N. Y.
May 3, 1872

Dear Brother Jackson:

Enclosed please find commission for Russel \$250, the same has been sent to Frackelton also as you requested \$100 for yourself. My letter of instructions a few days ago was so full that I need add little more. We think it best to commission them for Montana or Wyoming and let them locate when you get there. We sent Russel and Frackelton \$250 each, \$100 for travelling expenses and \$150 for help to carry them to their quarters. You had better keep W. O. Rommel--Princeton posted and hurry him up. I hope you will write us back from Corinne if we should send Wetts there or any one else.

And now may God bless you in the great undertaking of planting the Presbyterian churches in Montana. Write us often as you can. Open the way and hold open for Rommel and at the end of the year we will know better what the Lord will have us do in the great region.

Mrs Kendall's bulbs have come from Brother Gage apparantly all safe. I must write a letter of thanks. Mrs. Kendall has gone to the country, I shall send the bulbs after her.

Give kind regards to Mrs. Jackson Brother Martin and wife.

Yours truly,

M. Kendall.

New York, May 3, 1872.

Dear Brother;

Yours of the 25inst. is at hand. I note the contents with regret and surprise. You may calculate on one hundred dollars from me between now and the first of August. I should send it at once had I not drawn lately on church funds which are down.

The paper you sent for was sent to your address by mail.

My regards to Mrs Jackson,

Yours truly

William R. Janew

Lancaster, May 7, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

On the 18 of April I sent a letter to the P. O. of this place for you containing a draft for thirty dollars on a New York bank payable to you I have received no acknowledgment

of the same and as you have been here-to-fore so prompt in reply
ing I fear it has been miscarried. I hope you have received it
I would not like so much lost if I did not live plainly I could
not give as much to benevolent objects. I have been wronged of a
great deal but thank the Lord that he has given me the means of
doing some good--of helping to send the gospel to the destitute,

Our Women's Foreign Society here is active we hope to hear of
some good results from our bible

The Lord bless abundantly the labors of all his dear servants
is the prayer of,

Your friend

Anna M. Dale.

211 East King Street.

Lancaster Pa.

Denver May 8, 1872.

received of the Valmont Presbyterian Sunday School through
Rev. Sheldon Jackson ten dollars for Golden City Church,

Jas Gibson Lowrie.

Central May 12, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I want to thank you on behalf our of little band
for sending Mr. Frackelton up to speak to us to-day. We had a
very pleasant and profitable day indeed. You are I think very
fortunate in securing one such young man to begin work in Montana
He may not have the intellectual abilities that some possess, still
he has enough and is able to use all he has to the best possible
advantage and is really at times quite eloquent. But what is far
better than all he seems to have his talents wholly consecrated
to the Master and is devoted to the work of saving souls. All
who heard him to-day were much pleased with him and prophesy him
a bright future, But that is not what I saw down to write. We
want Mr. Frackelton to come up and preach for us next Sabbath. He
says he is willing unless you have planned other things for him.
He can come up Friday be at our prayer meeting rest Saturday
preach Sunday and we will get him to Golden Monday night where
he can stay with Mr. Lowrie and go to Denver on the morning train
in time to go with you. What say you can he come? We are all well
for several reasons we have taken no decided action on the church
lot question yet there is a prospect of doing better. I will see
what I can do in the way of advertisements tomorrow and Tuesday.

Your Brother,

A. J. Van D -

Moulton Assanoos Co. Iowa.

May 13, 1872,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Since being on this missionary by the blessing of our Heavenly Father we have built two Presbyterian churches one at Mionville and the other at Moulton. I have over-worked and must change. So I informed the church that they must get another minister, I thought of going South but seeing an article in the Herald and Presbyter of 9th. inst about Colorado I concluded to write you for further particulars. I belong to the Des Moines Presbytery. Have a wife and three children, 10 years old, six and three years old. It might be that if my health improved in that climate I might be able to preach and labor for Christ as I very much desire to do, if the way be open. You are aware of the fact that missionaries do not get a salary that will enable them to have much spending money, consequently I should of necessity want to go on as cheap scale as possible. Hence I desire to know the facts. The probable cost of family (in case I should take them) if not the cost of self. Of course you can not tell exactly the probable cost. Whether you have a full supply of colaborers on your field? If I should go for a few months whether I can get some employment that will enable me to pay expenses while there? Where I had better go to and the way there. Please tell me all I need to know and oblige your fellow laborer in the Gospel.

Yours in Christ,

Wm. Kendrick,

Gallatin Montana,

May 30, 1872.

Memoranda.

Whereas, That the undersigned members of the Presbyterian and other churches unite with the Methodist Church of Gallatin because there was no Presbyterian Church in the neighborhood, and with the understanding that when a Presbyterian Church should be formed we were at liberty to return to our own church;

And, whereas the Reverend Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions, is present to organize said church and cannot remain until we can secure the usual certificates;

Therefore, in entering into this new organization of a Presbyterian church we feel not only the friendliest feelings towards our late associates in the Methodist Church but would also express our earnest prayer and desire that the same pleasant cooperation in the Lord's work may continue in our new relations as sisters churches in this place.

Executive Department
Territory of Montana

Virginia City, June 5, 1872.

We the undersigned, members of the Presbyterian and other Evangelical Churches, learning that the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, propose the establishment of Presbyterian Churches in various portions of Montana territories and supplying them with preaching, do hereby request the establishment of such a church at Virginia City, And for their encouragement to do so, as well as for concerted action in sustaining church privileges; we hereby request to be organized into a Presbyterian Church.

Names.	Previous Church Connection.
E. H. Rodgers,-----	Pres. Church. Nebraska City
Mrs. Jane Rodgers. -----	" "
Mrs. B. F. Potts,-----	Carrolton Ohio Pres. Church
Mrs. J. E. Callaway,-----	Tuscola Ill. Pres. Church
Mrs. J. M. Knight,-----	Cum. Pres. Independance. Mo.

Organized by Rev. Sheldon Jackson June 5th., 1872.

Bg. Dearborn.

Chicago. June 8, 1872.

Brother Jackson:

In response to an earnest appeal from her I have this day sent to Mrs. G. C. Pratt of Rock Ridge Douglas Co. Colorado, 40 volumans of Sunday-school books and a supply of other requisities amounting to 23.8/100 dollars for a Sunday-school that she has started or is about to start in that place. I knew Mrs. Pratt several years ago (and also her husband) in and believe them to be reliable and worthy people. I have requested Mrs. Pratt to turn the whole lot over to you for use at your direction in case they are not used by her as intended by us What do you think about these points?

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself in which my wife unites, I am

Yours truly

C. O. Waters,

Deer Lodge. June 9, 1872.

We the undersigned, Members of the Presbyterian and other Evangelical Churches, learning the "Presbyterian Board of Home Missions" propose the establishment of Presbyterian churches in various portions of Montana Territory and supplying them with preaching, do hereby request the establishment of such a church at Deer Lodge. And for the encouragement of the Board of

Missions as well as far concerted action in sustaining church privileges, we desire to be organized into a Presbyterian Church.

Names,	Previous Church Connection.
Mrs. L. J. Sharp.-----	Lerington Mo.
Thomas Aspling.-----	Parkville Mo.
Mrs. G. Aspling-----	" "
F. B. Miller.-----	St Joe. Mo.
W. Egbert Smith.-----	Savannah Mo.
Mrs. H. D'Acheul.	
Jennie D'Acheul.	

Organized by Rev. Sheldon Jackson and J. R. Russel. June 9, 1872.

Little Falls New York.
June 10, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Reading your many interesting letters in the Evangelist I am prompted to write to you.

Our Sunday-school devoted its collections to missions work part to foreign and part to home.

I have felt a great interest in the work that is being done in your section and as a part of the funds set apart for Home Missions is still unappropriated I thought I might propose putting it in your hands if you have use for it or can direct us what to do with it. We wish to place it in such a manner that we can hear from it what is done with it and afterwards what the results are. In this way we keep up the interest in the work. Will you let us hear from you if you need this. I do not know as you will remember my Father but I believe you have stopped with us when we lived in Wampsville Madison Co. New York. My parents are now living here. Wishing you continued success in your work, I am

Yours truly
Malcolm H. Smith.

Sec. and Pres. of Sunday-school.

I have to give a summary of Home Missionary news at our next monthly concert and would be glad if you could give me some items

West Chester Pa. July 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Friend:

Your letter of May 9th. reached me in safty. I was then from some heavy drafts made on me by other objects almost

out of money. I am in not much better condition now and cannot send you a great deal of money. I have been thinking it might be a reply to the friend you spoke of who was owing the \$35 to have that sum and it would be better to send at once the small sum I have than to wait longer. Enclosed you will find a draft for \$50 . Please acknowledge it and send the letter to my sister Mrs. Catharine P. Darlington West Chester, Chester Co., pa. I thank you sincerely for the papers you have been sending and I love to know what is going on in your country. I hope to be able to send you some subscribers. Five dollars of the money sent you was sent by my sister to help pay the debt. You will please notice it in your paper. I may be absent for some time and if so she will give me the letter on my return. If the friend of whom you speak needs the whole sum you can give it to him, if not the remainder can go toward the church of which you speak.

Wishing sincerely to be remembered in your prayers, I am

Your sister in Christ

P. A. Brook.

New York. July 8, 1872.

My dear Rev. Jackson:

Your Rocky Mountain Paper reaches me regularly and I read with much interest the great work that is doing in the formation of Presbyteries. Organizing new churches &c, I was present at Detroit the evening that so many eloquent addresses were made in behalf of our home work, and I felt as perhaps never before what a great country ours is with its vast territory, its immense resources, its inestimated wealth &c. Thank God that the Missionary is pushing his way out to the far West with the outgoing population, that the word of God may not be left behind.

I have thought for sometime of writing you and saying how glad I am that you have such a nice stirring little paper to come to tell the people here what is doing among you and let them see what is needed. I wish I could say that we could send you help but our Board is as yet but a little thing, although I hope may of usefulness may from it in the course of time. You are quite aware that we look upon New Mexico as one of your fields of work, rather discouraging in some views yet I trust the seed is there planted which shall bud forth both to the honor and glory of God. If we could set before our people more strongly these points in regard to this territory we ough to draw forth more interests. All that we have had has been so uncertain often so untrue that it has rather disgusted some who had a previous interest in it, If you had a little leisure who knows the country so well and could give us a little sketch for our

magazine I think it would do good or perhaps you could get some one with more time to write it. We want to get our church finished for our good friend Mr. Annin and a nice school-room for his daughter. We want a good minister and wife for Santa Fe, who character to the school and church and revive it up from its ashes and the prejudice that has gone forth. Miss Crothey is a good teacher and with a good minister to give inspiration to the work I hope it will go on well to the building up of Christ's kingdom upon earth. If therefore you can suggest anything, I trust that you will be on to work and help us on in this great cause. Although like St. Paul in labors many, yet I know that you are ever ready to do more. It is a strange thing but true that those who do most can always do a little more so on this principle lay the matter before you. Perhaps too there may be some cases of missionary families needing help--we have appeals to give names sometimes so that we shall be ready to do what we can in this way, in recommending any whom we may hear of.

I suppose churches are yet too new with you to propose any yet it and Sunday-school or band could be organized for the work dont you think it would do good if only five dollars were raised? I lay it before you as best knowing what can be done. I want the woman in the Presbyterian Church to do something. One dollar per year or even half with prayer given members would accomplish much.

Hoping to hear from you when convenient and not desiring to tax you. I am very truly trusting in the Lord,

Julia M. Graham.

20 Washington Sq.

I hope you get the quarterly "On Mission Fields" regularly.

 Presbyterian Rooms. 30 Vesey St. New York.
 July 17, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We have two or three important matters to commit to you. --1 Welch asks permission to come East and beg money for a church building. We have authorized him to come and have appointed you to supply his pulpit in the meantime and have so written him before we heard you were coming home by the M- River and supposed he would met you on your way home. I do not believe it is desirable that Welch should come before the meeting of Synod. You know when is the best time to raise money East--is it in the late fall or early winter. But all that you can arrange with him:---2. Lowrie complains that he cannot endure both Golden and Central. Dr. Dickson has written him first, to try to unite

Black Hawk and Central, failing in that take either Central and Idaho if Brother Rice leaves or take Golden, could not decide the question until July and we could not wait. Dr. Dickson is quite anxious to put him in at Corinne if the other man fails or to Corsin City or something of the kind. But it looks now as if you would have Rommell, Frackleton and Russel.

We have received your map of Colorado many thanks for the same. You inquired for the work of our Missionary in Montana, his name was G. G. Smith. He first went to Barnock City when that was the capital and moved with the capital to Virginia City. When the capital went to Helena I think he came home. Whether you will find any traces of him there yet I do not know. He was true and faithful but not very strong perhaps--at least he did not succeed much.

Yours truly

H. Kendall.

New York. July 17, 1872.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed please find my check for one hundred dollars agreeable to my promise of this amount to ease your burden in the case you last wrote about.

My dear wife's health has improved. She is again about the house but her morning cough which is never interrupted means that we must be prepared to part with her. Still she is wonderfully well now in contrast with her low state in March last. God has usually answered prayer in this and you will I know unite with us in the prayer that her life so precious to us may be very precious in his sight. He can keep alive as well as

God give you large encouragement in your labor,

Yours truly

Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Denver Colorado.

July 16, 1872.

My dear Sir:

I received your letter and also the history of the missions of Colorado for which I suppose I am indebted to you. The young ladies society of which I represent is a very small affair, it has no organization. There are about 100 young girls who meet twice in the year at my home. The money is collected in family mission boxes which are opened once a year. The first year we collected \$3,500. The second year about half that sum. What we

shall have this year I do not know. It is not in my power to do any thing between the meetings to stimulate the interest of the girls in this work. I have a large family and can devote but little time to any thing else. The first year we built the church at Hamburg Iowa. The girls took the greatest interest. The money of the second year has been devoted to the church at Metawalia Kansas of which we heard through the board of Church Erection. We gave them \$1000 and I believe the building is going on. The balance of the money we divided into sums of \$30 and sent to some of the Western Missionaries' wives as a Christmas present. I hope you may be in New York sometime this fall I would like to have a meeting and get you to talk to the girls. The object of which you wrote is no doubt most needy and interesting but I am not yet prepared to say what we can do.

Most truly

Susan M. Alexander,

Willowbrook (Auburn P. O. New York.)

July 28, 1872,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Christian Friend:

It is now sometime since I received a letter from you in _____ to the erection of a Presbyterian church in Denver in which I was much interested. I believe a warm and prompt reply was made by the Presbyterian Church in the East to your appeal in the behalf of this Presbyterian Church. My son and daughter expect to spend the Sabbath (August 4th.) in Denver and I am anxious that they should attend the Presbyterian Church service there. They are now on their way to Fort Garland to join their sister Mrs. Alexander who is in very delicate health and for whom we feel much anxiety. George Alexander my son-in-law is in command of Fort Garland. Mrs. Alexander is an earnest christian my son and daughter who will present this letter to you are also Christians or members of the church. Would it be in your power to visit Fort Garland and hold a communion service there or any time during the summer or autumn? If you could go there sometime from Pueblo with officers or a Pay Master who might be going up perhaps a church might be found in that garri- son. Mrs Alexander has an _____ servant with her a Scotch woman who is a member of the Presbyterian church. It does seem to me that it would _____ all their hearts in that isolated post to have a minister of the Gospel visit them and administer the communion. If you should go up to Garland would you take a communion service with you? It seems that the bread and the wine are symbols of our faith and the Lord's table should be spread

for his famishing ones in the wilderness. Whatever expenses you might raise in visiting Fort Garland I am sure will be defrayed by the board of missions at New York. On my representation and your own while Mrs. Alexander is at Fort Garland will be a good opportunity to undertake christian work there. Does Miss Post lie in your part of the mission field? There is no Chaplain at Garland. I am sure the ladies board of mission in New York will aid any effort you may put forth to give the means of grace to Fort Garland. I have frequently heard my friend Miss. Graham speak of you and have also heard Mr. Mac Farland of Sante Fe. Rev. Mr. Annin of Las Vegas and Dr. Kendall of New York speak of your labor and zeal in the service of God, and your interest in the region of the Rocky Mountains. I had the pleasure to read a few weeks since a number of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterians" of which you are editor. I would like to subscribe to that paper but do not find any statement of the price of subscription. I send you a little amount of the first organization of the Santa Fe missionary at Auburn. That little soccety soon grew into the new mission Colorado and Arizona minning and that grew into the ladies' board of missions and the ladies' mission minning school in New and Colorado. All are int ted in schools

I send you our first and last reports. It will give me much pleasure to hear from you. Mrs Alexander who is now at Fort Garland is the lady refered to as going to Santa Fe in 1866.

May the Lord make his so-journ in Colorado a means of to the people of that territory. If you should visit Fort Garland please present the enclosed card to the commanding officer- gen. Alexander.

May the Lord bless you work and strengthen you for your labors and abundantly reward all your efforts to serve him---is the earnest rayer of yours--in christian bonds,

Cornelia W. Martin.

Helena Montana Territory.
July 30, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir,

According to a promise made you while in Fort Benton to make inquiry as to what the prospects for doing some good in the way of establishing a church or school in the place--I am now writing --I think there is a great need for such things and am willing to do all I can when there to assist in the work but am truly sorry to say after yalking to Mr. Baker that we can promise nothing, though were you to take the matter in hand you

might find it better than we think. I wish I could give you some encouragement but trust you understand my meaning. I would love to see the good work commenced and hope the day is not far distant that I shall. May God show me what is my duty in the matter and enable me to do it with might. I received some papers which I judge you sent. I was pleased to get them. I think of going to the States this Fall and shall not return until Spring.

Yours &c.

Mrs. E. L. Baker.

Georgetown Colorado, July 30, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Many many thanks for your permit over the Colorado Central rail-road and for your invitation to be present at the dedication of the church at Idaho next Sabbath. It would be a very great pleasure to meet you then and there share the services as you kindly propose, but until my voice clears up I am not fit to take such part as you indicate and may do injury to myself. Besides I am under bonds not to use my voice until I get altogether well.

I am very deeply interested in the grand work you are doing in this important region. You have a wonderful field to superintend. May the Lord give you abundant entrance every where.

I shall of course have an opportunity of meeting you somewhere before my return which will be D. V. about September first. I shall remain quietly here until I regain my strength. Remember us kindly to Mrs Jackson.

Your Brother in Christ,
M. C. Suthen.

Le Roy. New York.
August 1, 1872.

Rev. Shelton Jackson,
Dear Brother;

We have a large communion set, ten tankards, six chalicees, four plates enough for two small churches which I will be glad to put at your disposal. Shall I hold them subject to your order?

I am happy to see that your work is prospering. May the Lord bless you and . It seems a great way off when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess to the La. of Christ. The kingdom very here, Spiritulism, universalism every form of belief have mighty influence over men and we have

a hard fight of it. When you come East call on us.

With love from Mrs. Taylor, to self and wife.

I am, yours very sincerely,
C. H. Taylor.

Salt Lake City.

August 12, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

My dear Sir:

I received your letter some days ago--I am sorry to inform you that we did not get the Octayon property after all. We looked into the titles and took the man at his own offer but he backed squarely out and wanted to raise on us another thousand which we dont think best to pay. It is certainly one of the most desirable places in the city but if we cant get it for \$11000. the way we feel now we dont want it. I think it will all work out to our advantage in the end perhaps, because we took every precaution to make every thing right and close up the bargain and we failed.

I think as you do that a meeting of Presbytery is not absolutely necessary before I go East. I have not written to Mr. Crittenden yet but will in a few days.

The U. P. and the Missouri Pacific have both sent me half fares. I have not heard from the Kansas Pacific. Can you get me minister's ticket on that road or a pass would be better still? When you get the half fare on the Denver Pacific I will make my arrangements to leave here on September 3rd., if nothing prevents and will be in Denver Thursday evening the fourth. Tell me where Silver Springs are, when Synod is to be held. None of our old Coloradoers here have ever heard of them. Everything goes along nicely. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson,

Your Brother in Christ,
Josiah Welch.

New York. September 7, 1872,

Dear brother Jackson,

Yours of the 30 ult, is before me.

The commissions granted to Messrs Thompson and Stewart were worded very nearly as you requested. You need have no hesitation in pushing them out to these valley stations one third of the time. Organize at Collins taking Brother Thompson with you to supply them periodically for his commission so stipulates. You will have to attend to the Fort Garland matter for Mrs. Martin.

She is quite a power in the lands and you do well to cultivate her. But try to get some partially invalid minister for that field for the work must be very light. Is Fort Garland on the way to any place? Will it be anything or of any account after the Indians are tamed or killed-- a work which in the one direction or another seems to be pretty well under the way of accomplishment.

Yours truly
H. Kendall.

Petersburg Ill. September 11, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado,

Dear Sir:

I am very much interested in the future welfare of the neighborhood at Fort Collins and was glad to hear that you had determined to organize a church at that place. I hope you have by this time succeeded in getting together a goodly number of God's children for that purpose. It is and has been my earnest prayer that the result of your visit may be such. The Presbyterian church is what the people there want at least they expressed themselves so to me. If it is convenient I would take it as a kindness to know from you the and prospects.

Yours truly
M. Robbins.

Willowbrook Auburn P. O.
September 14, 1872.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear friend:

I was very glad to receive the letter you were so good as to write me in reply to mine which I sent by my son and daughter. I send by to-days express a communion service for Fort Garland. You were so kind as to say that you would go there in October and administer the communion and try to have stated preaching there. I shall be rejoiced to have the of a church gathered there. I do not know how many professions of religion there may be at Fort Garland. There are three members of the Presbyterian church in Ger. Alexander's family. I think a visit from you at this time would do good. I would recommend to have you visit Fort Garland when Mrs. Alexander is well enough to see you as she will assist you very much in what you might undertake to do. She expects to be confined about the middle of Oct.

I mention this so that you will know how to time your visit so as to secure the best results. Would it not be well to take a bottle of communion wine there with you from Denver when the service is taken up. If you will provide this and will let me know the price of it I will pay for it, if it is not convenient for Mrs. Alexander to do so but please take her the bill of it. I am afraid it is difficult to secure wine in Fort Garland. I mentioned to Mrs. Dr. Scott of Schenntody your request to have the communion service sent out and she said she would ask Dr. Bachas and the ladies of his church at Schennetady to provide at least a part of the missionary funds. A few days ago I received from Rev. Mr. Stowe--three tankards and eight or ten cups which had been given to him by churches which had probably bought new services. These are very nice but I thought not nice enough to send to you for the churches in your region. I was quite perplexed to know what to do for I felt that these remnants of communion service were sacred and ought to be kept for sacred uses. I was very much relieved to-day to find that they could be plated and be made to look like new and I gave directions to have them plated. When they are done it will give me pleasure to send them to you. I feel deeply interested in your great work may the dear Lord prosper you and cause you to say "The wilderness blows as the rose and the solitary places made glad" through a blessing of your labors. We hope the church in St. Louis will aid in sending a bell for the new Presbyterian church in Las Vegas. Would you dear friend write to that church on the subject? Rev. Mr. Stowe suggests to me to write to Rev. Mr. Dickey who succeeded Dr. Webster in the Presbyterian at St. Louis Mo. and ask him to interest himself and his congregation in providing a bell for the new church which is being built by the ladies missionary society of New York at Las Vegas. It has been a great effort for a few ladies to do what they have done to build this church. Mrs. Graham through a friend of hers Gen. Fiske would see to providing the bell from St. Louis to Las Vegas if one was purchased, weighing from \$1000 to 1200 pounds. Hoping again to hear from you

I am, very sincerely your friend,
Cornilia W. Martin.

Willowbrook. September 16, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Christian friend:

I enclose bill of lading of box containing a plated communion service for Fort Garland which was forwarded by to-days express. This afternoon I received another communion service from Marcellers--I enclose the letter which accompanied it. I

thought it possible that the communion service could be sent to Taos to Brother James M. Roberts, who is going to the Pueblo Indians but if you wish to take it with you for some other church when you go on a missionary tour please do as you please with it and inform Brother Scovel what disposition is made of it. We have three tanhards and several sets of cups which are to be plated and which will be very nice and which can be sent to you as soon as they are in order. Hoping to hear of the safe arrival of the two services,

I am, very truly your friend,

Cornilia M. Martin.

The boxes are sent to the care of Gen. Palmer--Omaha to be forwarded by express to Denver.

Taos--Pueblo Indians. Caribon Colorado.

Marcellus New York.

September 16, 1872.

Mrs. Cornelia W. Martin.

Dear Friend:

Agreeable to the suggestion of Brother A. M. Stowe, I send you by express this morning a box containing our old communion service. I packed it very snugly not knowing whether you would repack it. Our people would no doubt be very much gratified to receive a letter from the church who shall receive it. I see you are busy about our Father's business just as when 14 years ago you sent me to get up a Sunday-school in the New Gnienca.

May the Lord bless you and all of yours is the prayer of --

Your Brother in Christ,

D. Scovel.

Bozeman. September 16, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Sometime since enclosed you the name of Mr. Geo. Dixon Central Park P. O. this county for one copy of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". Please send to same P. O. one copy to Mrs. Jennie Lewis. Also enclosed find 50 cents to pay for one copy to be sent to Mrs. Philip Thorpe Hamilton P. O. Have just held communion at Hamilton and am just in, received in profession of faith Mrs. William Herron, by letter Mrs. Jennie Lewis. Two more have made profession and will join next communion probably, they only made profession after communion service. Mrs. Sunborn and a Mr.----have forgotten his name and my minute book is not at hand. Am very busy trying to get a school established for Rev. Crittenden, prospects very good to start this fall. Citizens meeting to be held Wednesday evening. Need some more

money to fix up for winter. I think it best as things look now to make preparations for going East next Spring, to try and raise funds for our Mission. Fourth Church Washington sent a letter to a lady saying they wanted to help us but church-repairs had cost so much that they could not just now but will as soon as possible, think in the Spring might do something then if I could go. Work all over the field save at Gallatin City seems brightening. Must have help if possible and as early in the Spring as can be sent. My field is entirely too large for me to visit as I should. Will try and write again this week. Communion next Sabbath at Gallatin City following Sunday Bozeman and then at Virginia City. Kind regards to all friends in Denver especially to Mrs. Jackson and to your daughters. Write as often as you can. In haste

Fraternally yours

Will I. Frackelton.

Just in from Hamilton a few minutes ago.

Fort Garland.

September 22, 1872

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have received your letters of the 13th. and 17th. and am very much gratified at the prospects of a visit from you at Fort Garland and only wish the day you have appointed had been earlier in the season as it is I shall be obliged to ask you to postpone your visit to Fort Garland until after the middle of November as I am expecting to be confined in October and it will be impossible for me to receive any of my friends at an earlier date. The best room where one could have service is my parlour as the principal barracks are pulled down and in the process of repairs, the soldiers living in tents meantime. The greater part of the soldiers too are away at present in the Tierra Amarilla country but are expected home soon and as you would wish your visit to benefit the greatest number it would be better to have them back first.

With regard to the journey over here, I regret to say that the accommodations are very wretched. To spend Sunday here you would be obliged to leave Denver Wednesday morning take the stage from Pueblo to Miller's ranch and from there come by Radito in the mail wagon which is merely a buck-board accommodating but one person besides the driver and as you can imagine very uncomfortable for a ride of 40 to 50 miles. This is the way my nephews came over this summer one sitting by the driver and the other on his trunk. I think it right to explain just how matters are for

my Mother has little idea how inaccessible we are here by public conveyance. The Catholic Bishops of Denver have held mass here twice since my arrival but he came from Pueblo in his private conveyance. It would be very gratifying to us to have service here this fall, especially as Mrs. Happersett is anxious to have her young baby baptised and I dont know but Mrs. Canaham desires to have hers christened also and I should not ask you to postpone your coming were it not that I should be unwilling to ask you to take this fatiguing journey and arrive here at a time when I should be unable to show you the attention I should desire. If however, your engagements are such that the 8th. of October is the only time you will be able to visit us this fall I hope you will come then as Dr. and Mrs. Happersett will be most happy to entertain you if I should be unable to do so. With regard to anyone remaining here permanently as a missionary I fear it would hardly be practicable as there are no vacant officers quarters he could occupy or any house in the neighborhood that I know of that he could rent. The few settlers around here are principally Irish Catholics or Mexicans so I think there would be little inducement held out. Believe me,

Yours very truly,

Evelin M. Alexander.

P. S. The mail wagon gets there Friday night and leaves Monday morning.

Chicago. September 22, 1872.

Brother Jackson:

If you can give me the name of some church in your diocese that is very poor and very needy and is willing to pay freight from Philadelphia on a second hand communion service in pretty good order I think I can secure it.

Please reply as soon as possible,

Yours truly,

C. O. Waters.

Longmont. September 30, 1872.

Brother Jackson;

I have been to see Brother Rommell to-day about church matters he thinks if we had a man settles here preach here and up at the creek is the only way, we could raise something for a minister. He thinks three or four hundred dollars not all in money. Some outsiders would pay in something, taking collection every time seems to keep some at home, and it appears to be the best

We can do under the circumstances.

Respectfully yours

John Ecker,

"Good news from a far country" is the word that comes down from Greeley.

Central City, Colorado,

October 1, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We have definitely fixed upon the 13th. of the present month for our dedication at which time we hope to have a pleasant day a great crowd of large hearted liberal people and a successful issue of our effort to dedicate our house free from debt. On that day we hope and expect to have with us for the first time many who seldom attend church and who have never attended ours, as well as those who have for various reasons stood aloof from and opposed us here-to-fore with those friendly to us. As we are much dependent upon all classes for the success of our plans for soon becoming self supporting. We want on that day (without clap trap of course) to make as good an impression on the publick mind as possible but as regards our church and pastor Lowrie has been here very little and has for that reason a small acquaintance and outside of our little circle but little is known of him or his ability and especially in the classes first mentioned. It has been expected and understood heretofore that you would preach the sermon on that occasion but on account of the state of facts just mentioned on consultation with a number in Synod in the matter we are inclined to the belief that for those and other reasons entirely of a local nature it would be better for the church here and Mr. Lowrie usefulness would be enhanced by having him preash the sermon thus bring him more prominently before the people at that time. And I was requested to write this to you requesting you to take the evening service instead of the morning, believing that you would regard this on our part as expressing only of what we believe would be for the best interests of the country and not any personal feeling of our own. We have no doubt the audiences on each occasion will be fully up to our capacity to accommodate but will be in part in the evening composed of different material.

Lowrie is ready and willing to make the preparations necessary and I think would prefer that course for the reasons mentioned but is too modest to say no.

Respectfully yours

A. J. Van Deus.

P. S. If you can come up earlier than the Saturday previous we would be glad to have you.

Yours &c.

Commission

No. 2421.
Home Missions,
Presbyterians Rooms.

No. 30 vesey St.
(P. O. Box 3853.)
New York, Oct. 1, 1872

To the Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

ThePresbyterian Churches and congregations of.....in connection with and on the recommendation of the Synod of Colorado, having made application to us for aid in your support as their Synodical Missionary, and satisfactory evidence of your good and regular standing in our connection: having been furnished us, the Board do hereby appoint you to preach the Gospel to feeble Churches and Congregations, and to perform any other duties that may aid the work, and build up the Church, &c., &c., for the term of --twelve--months from this date, on a salary of Two Thousand, and necessary traveling expences., which you are to receive from the Treasury of the Board; but what is paid by the people among whom you are to labor, is to be acknowledged to us and deducted from the above named amount.

By order of the Board.

J. F. Stearns,
Chairman,

D. Kennell,) Secretaries.
Cyrus Dickson,)

Cannon City Colorado,
October 2, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Brother:

I was very kindly greeted here and have been very generously cared for. Have the use of the Baptist house of worship our people being required in view of the courtesy to pay the expenses of the house at rate of \$100 per year. We shall hope to have an edifice of our own at no distant day. The choir here is good and the spirit of progress manifested by them is very creditable. I presume it would be a good thing if we had a supply of hymn books of our own kind. Can anything be done in this direction? I have obtained a comfortable room in Mr. Rockafellow's house at \$5 per month. My board I get at the Canon hotel at \$3 per week. Mr. Boyd the landlord, made no charge for my board with the use of a room up to the time of the present arrangement I desire some definite information in regard to Fair Play so

that I may be able to form my plans for supplying the church there with preaching. I find that it will cost me not less than \$25 to go there and return on the present arrangement. But could you not see the stage company president at Denver and secure for me a commutation fare? If this could be brought about it would enable me to go there oftener. The rail-road is in the process of construction from Pueblo to the coal mines. It will not I think be finished further than the mines the present season, but it will undoubtedly help this place a good deal, even when finished only to that point. I expect to preach at the coal mines occasionally. An account of this field of labor has been sent to the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery. The necessary expenses for board, rent, fuel etc for the year are estimated at \$500. The necessary traveling expenses are estimated at \$300., accordingly the whole amount asked from the Home Mission Board is \$800.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours in Christ

John D. Bell.

P. S. The Southern Methodists have sent a man to Boston same labor here! His name is Pierce and he is to have his headquarters at Pueblo. My health I am glad to say is almost fully reestablished.

J. D. B.

I saw recently a statement in some newspaper that the here is totally unprovided with bibles or any other religious reading. Have not had time yet to test the statement. But, if it is true where can I successfully apply for a lot of the books needed?

J. D. B.

October 2, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Rev. S. M. Mitchell is all right. He is a man of piety, fair ability, good appearance and a fair preacher. Not extraordinary but preaches a good sermon. He is a worker.

Glad to hear that the Lord is prospering you. With best wishes. I am

Yours in Christ

Sam

Oxford, Chester Co., Penna.,
October , 1857.

Mr Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Sir:

You have done a grand work, by God's blessing upon your zeal for Christ, and great energy for the destitute people and portions of our Western country. I have striven for 18 years by the Ashman Institute changed to the Lincoln University to raise up a minister for the colored churches, and now the Providence of God has opened up the South and thrown 5,000,000, upon us, and my object in writing is to ask your aid toward this portion of our people, and our country. I send you with this a catalogue showing what we are trying to do, and say we have now applications from 80 congregations in important places and none to send---and ask whether you could this coming winter, 1st, visit for us the cities and important centers of the South to stir up as a Presbyterian, the people white and colored, to the organizing and sustaining churches and a minister among the colored people. 2d to find promising young men to interest the people from whom they come, to sustain them while receiving an education at Lincoln University. 3d. To stir up by your letters our church and people North, to take hold this work with energy. We will send you the necessary funds as salary and for expenses.

I know our Freeman's Committee is in the field, but what are they doing in so great a work? I know it might be said, let the colored students take their chances among our own race in the Theol. Seminaries, but where will they get a college education? I know there is a cry that the Educational Board is bringing out too many ministers--if this is true, (which it is not) with our own people it is not with the colored race. Now my dear Brother, do not cast this letter aside and say you can not go--it is not sent without much thought or without prayer--The duty need not take you long from your great thousand mile parish of the West; I believe God has called you to help black men too, and to help us here to help him--It is a great work and we know you love great work if for Christ and His Kingdom. We hope to hear from you and will pray it may be as we wish,

Very sincerely yours.

John M. Dickey,
Trustee of Lincoln University.

Easton. October 8, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Sir:

The Juvernile Missionary Socceity of the Sunday-school of the Browerd Church have directed me to send you \$250 to be used as you may think best in promoting the cause of domestic missions in your department. We know of no place where there is greater need of having the Gospel preached, and we hope that the money we send may help to spread the Gospel among our fellow countrymen there the great mass of whom seem to think or care nothing about it.

I suppose you heard of the death of our friend James Mc Keen which occurred over a year ago. His loss was a very great schock to me as he was one of my best and most devoted friends. But it is a still greater one to our church and missionary cause for if he had lived his plans were formed to do more for our Western missions than he had ever done before.

I have just read to-day in the Presbyterian your account of your trip through your diocese. The diffucalties do indeed seem to be great but it only shows the need of greater devotion and zeal on our part. We rejoice in the success that has so-far crowned your efforts and hope that they may still be more blessed in the fuure by the great Head of the Church.

I send a draft on the Union National Bank, New York to your order for the \$250. Please acknowledge the receipt.

Very truly yours

Edward J. Fox.

Supt. Sunday-school Browerd Church

\$100--Cheyenne Church.
 \$ 50--Rev. F. B. Welty.
 \$ 50--Rev. E. W. Lamb.
 \$ 50--R. M. Presbyterian.
\$250

 Pueblo October 10, 1872.

Received of the Rev. Sheldon Jackson fifty dollars in cash.
 W. E. Hamilton.

 Golden Colorado. October 10, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I find it utterly impossible to meet you on Monday evening. You had better go on and organize and I will endorse

your action. Wish I could be at Central tomorrow. Hope you will have a good time,

Yours in haste
A. N. Day.

E. Bloomfield. New York.
October 21, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 10 inst. with me here on my trip among the Synods. I go to the last this evening at Le Roy New York 30 miles West. But I have a system of H. M. Conventions on hand immediately after and do not expect to return to New York in four weeks or more. You speak of coming East for two or three weeks in November for your family and I presume there will be no objection to your doing so. We should be very glad to see your wife and the girls in New York if possible but Mrs. Kendall is here and will not return until I do to New York. But I suggest a method by which you may possibly let me be of service--Our systems of conventions are as follows--Cleveland Oct. 27. Detroit Nov. 3. Indianapolis Nov. 10. But to fill up week day evenings as follows--from Detroit and going away for election the 5 and 6 of Nov. We will probably hold forth at Crawfordsville Ind. Nov. 7, and La Fayette Nov. 8 and at Indianapolis have a general "blow-out". Sunday the 10. Perhaps you can hit us at Ind. that day. If so write me so as to hit me at my brothers at La Porte Ind. --care Rev. John F. Kendall. Then if you can be with me will take you to Dayton, Colurub and Cincinnati the last named place for Sunday Nov. 17 at all events write me at my brothers and tell me whether you can make such arrangement or not. Stowe will (D. V.) be with us as far as Indianapolis then if you come perhaps we can release him and use you for a week or more. See what you can do about it.

My wife would like very much to see you and your family. I hope it may come so that you may be in New York with them after we reach there. But write me at once as before suggested. Believe me,

Yours truly
H. Kendall.

Evanston Wyoming. October 21, 1872.

Received from Rev. Sheldon Jackson for Missionary purposes the sum of fifty dollars.

Fredrick B. Welty.

Cannon City Colorado,
October 21, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Brother:

Your letters have been received. You are very good and kind to bear among your heart-felt cares in behalf of the Missionaries of your field, their particular needs as to clothing. Doubtless each recipient of the proposed benefaction will feel truly grateful to you for your brotherly thoughtfulness respecting his wants. Certainly I myself will. The tailor's measurement for a suit you will find enclosed. I wish a coat suitable for the pulpit, a vest of broadcloth or doe-skin, single breasted and a pair of doe-skin pants. If any under-cloths can be obtained I would name for myself woollen shirts brown or checked, cotton or woollen drawers and either cotton or woollen stockings,

The singing books which I had in mind were such as you secured for Brother Gage at Colorado Springs. The people here can bear some of the expense necessary to be incurred in obtaining them. I will leave the matter to you. It would be well to have copies enough to supply both choir and congregation. And perhaps, it would save having to order twice if enough should be sent to furnish a supply for the Fair Play people. I am sorry to say that I cannot be at Fair Play on November 3. The amount of the P. O. order (\$50) which I received at Colorado Springs has been reduced to the sum of five dollars and yet I have economized closely. I have been expecting another \$50 for some little time and am greatly disappointed at the delay. After receiving my commission and the first installment of money from the Mission Board, I shall be able to carry out the plan in reference to this place. There will probably be nothing in the way of my being there the first Sabbath in December. The stage now leaves Cannon City for F. P. on every Sabbath and returns about the middle of the week. This arrangement is very unfavorable and renders it quite difficult to meet the demands of the two places for services. Cannon City will not like to have me absent two Sabbaths in succession each month. Can you not suggest some way to solve the problem? (Excuse this poor writing done in your dimly lighted bar-room of Cannon hotel)

Yours faithfully

John D. Bell.

P. S. The singing books might be sent by mail. The postage now being only two cents for every 200 ounces of such matter.

John D. Bell.

Salt Lake City,
October 21, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Brother:

I shall be paid for my services here by the church. There is a fund and part of it will be given to me. I am thus relieved from calling on the "Scranton Church" who already have done a great deal. If my traveling expenses are paid as you suggest, I shall probably get my expenses here and that is all I want. I prefer that Scranton be asked for nothing but a contribution for the building of the church at Longmont so far as my affairs are concerned.

The half permit was only good to Ogden. It was not for return. Now if anything should occur making it necessary for me to return to Denver before you, it would be convenient to have a return permit. Please have one directed to me if convenient. I enclose two stamps for you and the rail-road company.

I used some of the coal in the coal house and told Mr. Smedley I would pay him for it but somehow neglected it. Will you please pay him this dollar and ask him to excuse my forgetfulness.

I thought that I should be with you at dinner and had lots more to say, of little consequence however. If you see any of my friends in Denver, Mr. and Mrs. Boom, the Walkers or Mars or Anderson give my respects please and carry my love to Mrs. Jackson and Daisy and Bessie.

Yours

Ellis W. Lamb.

Please attend to the permit as soon as possible for if this irritating cough caused by the dust continues I shall return sooner and considering this you may consider that I shall not go to Corinne.

Yours

E. W. L.

Boulder C. T.
October 22, 1872.

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 17inst. was only received last night. I would

have written you last week in regard to this place but after hearing you were going to M. B. expected you would come by here on your way to Longmont. I desire you to come up here next Sabbath (October 27) if this reaches you in time. I think that I speak intelligently when I say it is proper now to organize a Presbyterian Church at this place. Several persons have already signed a petition for an organization and I think I can secure three more. There will be three male members but only one at-all suitable for an elder and he is quite young, 22 years of age. I have learned all I could about his character and find him universally respected in the community. He is acceptable to all the members. He is very loath to accept the position but has just now given me to understand that if it is necessary and if the members desire it that he will accept the position. There is a member Dr. Rice (perhaps you know him at Longmont) who I think would like to be elder and who may expect it, but he is very unpopular and I would not be willing to have him. It would ruin us here. Of course I desire no one ever to know what I have said to you on this point.

I will announce it generally that you will be here and that a Presbyterian Church will be organized on next Sabbath. May God's blessing attend the exercises and may the church here organized prove a great blessing to the community and accomplish much for the glory of our Blessed Master. Brother Day does not think it advisable to organize here at present or that there is any show for us to accomplish anything here. I differ with him and feel that the Master has given me favor in the sight of his people and has a work here for me to do. Pray for me that I may accomplish it in his strength and to his glory.

Had your letter reached me at the proper time I would have directed my answer to Salt Lake, but now deem it best to direct to Denver.

Affectionately your Brother in Christ,
J. E. Anderson,

Montana
Helena. October. 1872.

Dear Brother:

To-night the members of the congregation raised money to pay for the church lot and elected three trustees, Messrs. Hedges, Kennett, and Walker. Plans for an edifice are desired. Can you furnish us with them or recommend a book on the subject? The neatest, prettiest best church inside and out, Helena needs and will have D. V. The Methodist brethren have taught us a lesson, which is, the desirableness of a house appropriate for the worship of Jehovah. A building holding from 125 to 200 people costing when completed \$8000 is thought desirable. And subscript-

ions cannot be obtained here or elsewhere unless something definite in the way of a plan can be decided upon.

Hoping to hear from you speedily I remain, with kind regards

Very truly yours

W. C. Rommel.

P. S. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and Brother Lamb whose health is I trust improving. I would be glad to hear from him.

Enemston. Wyoming Territory,

October 23, 1872.

Dear friend:

I returned to-day from Green River. I called in at every tenement which is inhabited in that town except the "Round House". I had called in at two of the shops which to it and on finding that I was meeting men whose houses I had already visited I concluded that it was unnecessary for me to continue my visitng any farther; besides, I was so much fatigued that I could not labor any longer to good advantage. Perhaps yiu will be as much surprised as I was to find only two (2) persons who have been members of the Presbyterian Church. They are single men. One of them is proprietor of a saloon and billiard room. The other is a shoemaker and who I am afraid indulges very freely in the intoxicating cup. There are two families whose religious preferences are in the Presbyterian I will briefly give give you the other results of my inquiries. Members of other denominations: Methodists 3, Baptist 4, Episcopalians 6, Catholics 13, Jewish 2, Universalists 1. I left an appointment there for next Sabbath a week to come.

I will enclose my measure for a coat pants and vest. It is said that "Beggars should not be choosers" but I would ask that the goods be of heavy, substantial material or they will fail to prove of any comfort to me. I would also ask that the collar be of velvet and also the cuffs of the sleeves. As to the color, black or brown will be the best for this dusty country. I am much obliged for the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" which I received in to-days mail from you. Possibly it came yesterday or the day before. I would be pleased to hear from you at your leisure. With good wishes for yourself and family. I remain

Yours fraternally

Fredrick B. Welty.

Salt Lake City,
October 24, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Several more things occur to me which did not "get said" when you were here. Please inquire at the general delivery for me. Dr. Logan wrote me. "I have written to the Board my manifests--that the pastor and people of the Scranton Church will stick to you (me) sick or well in Washington, Colorado, Utah or wherever God calls you" Strong isn't it? I did not have opportunity to say to you to be sure and give my love to Dr. Logan and family in particular and generally to every one that may mention my name for I feel a deep love for them all. You know that I was complaining a little when you were here. I have been feeling not so well since and my physician tells me that I ought to leave before the winter storms set in. Will you give full instructions to that gentleman who is coming to Corinne. I found a day or two ago that I was decreasing in weight and that frightens me. I must get out of this valley. Please tell MR. Smedley not to send any of my letters after you leave but to keep them. Can I have that room again for a few days? If you have any instructions or advice about Longmont please leave them on your desk or in the post office, as I shall probably not stay in Denver long but go at once to Longmont and begin to canvass. I may go up to Central or Idaho Springs for a day or two. My staying here one or two or three weeks less will make no difference if there is regular preaching and I think that I can arrange for that.

Your Brother
Ellis W. Lamb.

Central City Colorado,
October 28, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I sent as requested a picture of our church to you by mail yesterday I did not get it in time to send by Mr. Lowrie. I hope you will be able to use it to our advantage while East. Money matters with us are still close and complicated. I fear we will not be able to get much assistance from the community here this winter. We have concluded that if we can do so it would be best for us to effect a loan East at a small interest secured by the property and then when business improves next season make a great effort and clear off the debt. if we can get say \$4500 for a year at 8 or 10 per cent per annum interest payable semi annually secured by mortgage on the lot with insurance policy on the building in favor of this party making the loan,

the security would be ample and we could then meet it with reasonable ease. Our title to the property is good beyond question and all right in that direction. Now in your travels if you meet with persons as you will no doubt, who are loaning money at such rates you may be able to effect such an arrangement for us or put us in correspondence with the parties ourselves. If you can do so you will greatly oblige us. Will you bear this suggestion in mind and let us know the result as soon as convenient.

Respectfully yours,
A. J. Van Deus,

Golden City, October 28, 1872.

For the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian,

Yesterday was a glad day for the Presbyterian Church in Golden. The weather was bright and beautiful, and our handsome church, so truly "Like a city set on a hill that cannot be hid" was filled both in the morning and evening. In the morning was our communion service and six were added to our number, five by letter and one on profession of faith. Brother Mitchell of Georgetown preached an excellent sermon and Brothers Lowrie and Gage administered the Sacrament; Elder Simon Cort assisted in distributing the elements. Mrs. Henrietta Wells who joined by profession was baptised and the ordinance of baptism was also administered to a infant child of John H. and Maggie W. Parsons. It was a season of solemn and tender interest to our devoted little band. In the evening the installation of the new pastor Rev. J. S. Smith, late of Michigan took place. Rev. J. G. Lowrie preached a very impressive sermon from the second Psalm as his text, which was listened to by the large audience with solemn attention. He also presided and propounded the constitutional questions after which Rev. D. H. Mitchell delivered an excellent charge to the pastor. Referring to the old proverb "There is no royal road to Geometry" he said in one view it is a mistake--there is a royal road to success in any undertaking and that road is work work--work. And with this as a theme he proceeded to charge no small amount of work to the Pastor's hands. While listening the prayer went up from the Pastor's heart "Oh that I had the strength to obey the charge! it would be a delight!" Brother Gage followed in the charge to the people in which he took great care to tell them how to treat and take care of their pastor. It was clear, practicable and forcible expressed. One point he made was of special interest "When you attempt to criticise your pastor, remember that he knows a great deal more about you than you think he does, and if you go about talking to

his disadvantage, may he not by the same right do the same thing about you? Therefore as you would have him be careful of your reputation be you careful of his--do in this respect by him as you would have him do by you".

The choir led the congregation in very good singing which added much to the delight and profit of the service, which though lengthly was sustained with unflagging interest to the end. May the Lord bless the Presbyterian Church in Golden.
S.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The above sketch is furnished you with full liberty to use as you please.

Yours truly
J. S. Smith.

Helena Montana.

October 14, 1872:

Dear Brother;

The stage trip was endured and Helena reached on Sabbath at 2 A. M. eight hours behind time. Brother Russell appeared in the morning and took me to his quarters. He has been quite successful in his labors here and is highly thought of by the people. The Odd Fellows' Hall has been secured for religious preaching services, it is hired for a month or more as we please. The Methodists have completed their new building and expect to dedicate a week from next Sabbath. Our communion will be observed D. V. next Sabbath preparatory lecture on Saturday evening. A meeting of session was held yesterday afternoon, Brother Williams being in town and it was agreed to recommend the people to rise in prayer. There are some stiff Presbyterians here. The Methodists North have offered the use of their new building half of the time and seem quite anxious that we should accept. This would give me an opportunity for itinerating and there-by supply places destitute of preaching and there are inconveniences connected with the Odd Fellows' Hall. We will try our present quarters for a time and consider the proposition of our brethren.

A bible society was organized on the evening of the day on which I reached Helena and Dr. Woolfolk chosen president. I was invited to preach at Diamond City by the son of a Presbyterian living there and expect to go shortly after the dedication of the N. M. E. Church. Also a request was made by a gentleman from Fort Shaw that we should preach there. It is a days ride to the fort and travelling expenses are heavy. Brother Russell left for Deer Lodge last week, Thursday. When you visited us in June you

promised that you would send us a communion service, the people have been expecting it. When will it be on hand? Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, Brother Lamb, Lowrie, Gage and all friends.

Very truly,

W. C. Rummel.

Bozeman. October 31, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother;

Have received no word from the Board as yet. Am in debt for my stage hire as also for my board and room. Making more than \$200 behind hand. Have no word from the Board of any kind cannot understand it. Will have to stop travelling altogether and go to something else unless salary is increased at least to enough to make me clear and send me home. You know that \$1000 will not pay the travelling expenses and board that I am under and if you remember that I said if I came West that I was willing to come providing I had my expenses paid and received enough to pay my necessary expenses. I do not think that I have wasted a single dollar and whatever I have spent on tobacco or periodicals my only two extras I have paid out of my own pocket. Twice since coming here I have had money sent me from home and I do not like to ask for any more from that quarter as they are very much cramped themselves so they write. I do not want to give up this field as I enjoy and love the work but running in debt does not pay and if the Board can find any one who can live on less than I have, I willingly surrender. I have got my books and the freight bill on them is still due amounting to more than \$30--I owe the Board \$1.10 00/100 and they are dunning me for it. For stage hire and clothing \$85 this I owe to William and Rice for furniture \$25 which you see makes \$250. I have on hand saved from travelling expenses \$2700 so you see this is not a pleasant way of living nor does it conduce to a very earnest frame of mine. Now I wish you to please do what you can regarding getting me an increase in salary or I can not go on and the sooner I get out of the field the better I will be off. These facts dear Brother are simply placed before you as they are and I leave them for your own sound good sense to weigh and ask yourself what you would do in the premises. My people are not able to do much of anything above meeting the running expenses of the church and did they it would have to come out of the \$1000 our overture never having been answered and if it had it would not do now for me on account of paying for their land and the failure of crops. Your early attention will oblige

Your Brother in the work.

Will S. Frackelton,

Columbia College, New York.
November 1, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

Be good enough to forward the enclosed note to some needy minister with-in the limit of your superendency as a token of the interest which an Eastern business man feels in missionary work in the West. If the recipient of said note will kindly acknowledge its receipt by mail in enclosed envelope he will much oblige

Yours very truly

Margaret Torrey.

105 West 48th. Street.
New York City.

Pa
West Chester, November 4, 1872,
Monday Afternoon.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir:

About six or eight weeks ago, my dear friend Mrs. Phoebe A. Brooks sent you \$50 (fifty dollars) and ask you to acknowledge it to me for some reason preferring that the answer should reach her in that way. As I have heard nothing from you she fears that the money has never reached you. It has not, as it should have been in a draft but a bank note. She told me the fifty she sent previously you acknowledged at once. Her health is very precarious she is confined to the house and is able to write very little. She is in West Chester and desires to hear through me. We all take great interest in your work in the West and I heartily approve your suggestion that there shall be a woman's domestic mission society as well as foreign. Our church in N. Y. has been trying to do this and we have been in communication with a MR. Boggs of Kansas who died this past summer, we have been assisting his widow with a box and by money. Perhaps some one you could suggest for us whose letters might stir us up to an increased zeal could be taken up since we have lost Mr. Boggs. We have just done a little for Las Vegas, Mr. Annin though that is considered foreign. I dont see why except the language. Direct your answer to your friend,

Mrs. H. S. Dickson.

West Chester.

Penna.

Deer Lodge.

November 5, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

In acknowledgement of your kindness in securing to Miss. Reznoc and self the courtesy and attention of your friends in Salt Lake City, and Corinne, I write thanking you most cordially. Mrs Lawrence being absent from New York City her husband secured us escort to the temple and to evening church. It snowed furiously all day Sabbath but it did not prevent our having a very enjoyable time. In the morning we heard an excellent sermon and were duly disgusted with the beastly and doings of the Mormons. We enjoyed the scenery very much from the city to Ogden. It is worthy of all that has been said of it. At Corinne your goodness secured for us the grateful attention of Mr. Richardson who searched us out at the depot and gave us every desirable attention. Mr. Classie to us to his hospitable house and kindly cared for us without charge. We had a pleasant sense of your far-reaching kindness there and will ever remember you as the kindly genius of our journey.

Most respectfully

R. Lawrence.

Deer Lodge, Montana.

November 7, 1872.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Dear friend:

I am happy to be able to send you greetings from Montana. We did not reach Deer Lodge until Saturday morning, the snow making it more tedious travelling than usual, and then we had one adventure when with-in half a mile of the summit of the last range our coach upset. None of us very seriously hurt but some were called from dream-land with an unpleasant rapidity. It occurred at 10 o'clock at night. I agree with you in thinking Deer Lodge quite a pretty place. It is well girt about with mountains. At Cheyenne we were obliged to wait until evening the train being behind time so we did not reach Salt Lake City until 12 O'clock at night. We were behind hand all the way through but were thankful to reach here in safety and think the experience well worth the expense and fatigue. Feeling that much of our pleasure and comfort is owing to your thoughtful kindness, I desire to send you my most heartfelt thanks,

Give my kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Respectfully yours

Jennie Reznoc.

New York,
November 11, 1872.

Dear Brother Frackelton,

Yours of the 30th ult. is just here. Rev. Jackson is expected in a few days when we will confer with him about your field and lay it before the Board and I will advise you of its results.

It does seem so strange that you are able to raise so little from your large field toward your support. I think you write only \$5. surely \$5 for five months preaching is small. The missionaries of every Church and Board are expected to raise all they can from the people they serve. This Board expects its missionaries to do what they can. Also the Board is now \$175,000 in debt. Help must come from the people visited, as well as from contributing friends elsewhere. We beg you to give this matter a more successful trial. You have had \$100 travelling expenses and \$450 in account. Many are worse off. Just as soon as Mr. Jackson comes and the Board meets we will advise you.

May God bless you in your discouragements.

(Signed) Cyrus Dickson.

Hermantown Phila. Pa.

November 13, 1872.

Rev. S. Jackson,

My dear Sir:

We have thought that our former hymn books would be of service in some of your newly organized churches--as appeals for such books have been made in time past: and I have therefore send a box with some 80 books to you for the use of any needy church. Enclosed please find \$5 which the expressman here say will about cover the freight they refused to let us prepay the box. Please let us know if convenient whether the box comes and if its cost is more than this amount. Would old copies of the Presbyterian be of any use to you? With our hearty congratulations to you in your success in the great work.

I remain, very truly yours

J. F. Diepps.

We sent a box to Brother Smith last week,

Richmond Indiana,

November 13, 1872.

Dear Brethren:

Your meeting here was by no means in vain. Mr. Miller says

he will add \$25. (twenty-five dollars) to his subscription to the Board and others will do something also. Their hearts are stirred, they greatly desire to hear you again especially MR. Jackson's accounts of those needy Presbyterians in the far West. We will try to take measures to do something more at once. I thought it proper to send you this word after talking with some who heard you. They were expecting you to call on them the next morning.

Hoping that you may be blessed where-ever you go.

I remain, truly yours

A. M. Hughes.

Longmont Colorado.

November 13, 1872.

Dear Brother Sheldon:

I am here and at work "like a Turk"--so sore with riding and walking that a hard chair is a place of torture. I really think that my spirits and health rose with the difficulties.

I dont know what the people said to you but I found immediately that not a person here thought the Presbyterians able to build a church and our own members talked the most discouraging of any. I told them that a church was to be built for I see plainly that with a few months longer of preaching once a month and no communion nor pastoral work, Presbyterianism would be frozen out. Every one says "I dont see that we can build" and he says it as if there were the end of talking about it. Of course such a low state of zeal and faith and hope as this demands a church immediately and so I have not even argued the matter with them but taken it for granted that the church would be built and that we must go to work and already they begin to look up. I shall see all our members and sympathizers in the country this week and after making a few calls in town and preaching (I preach next Sabbath) I shall begin to convass the town. But here is a stubborn fact its people are poor and those who are not have no money nor any prospect for any before next harvest, they are beginners as you know. This being so most of the money must be raised abroad. Have you seen the Chicago people I think of writing to the Interior and to each pastor for a small sum and to the two churches near home. I shall write to Dr. Logan this morning telling him that I am at work and the circumstances. Brother Beach and I had a few very plain words, I am sorry to say but it is all right now. I saw Campbell of Valmont the other day and he told me that the people here signed a petition th have Valmont and Longmont joined under his pastorate but that as I had been recommended he had left off Longmont

and his recommendation had gone to the Board for Valmont alone, but he feared that the Board would not grant a commission. I told him that if they would not to join Longmont to the field and get a commission for both as I doubt if the Board will commission me for it alone. I have learned that the people are not particularly anxious for Campbell here, but that the Valmont people circulated the petition and that the people here signed it in hopes of getting regular preaching. Campbell says he wont leave Valmont. There are two preaching places here and I shall fill them both. The people on Uper St. Vrain want me to preach at the school-house 8 miles from here and it is a good field for work. Mr. Buckingham is not here but probably will be in December. I think that by the hollidays I shall have the matter convassed thoroughly and be ready to begin at once. Then, if necessary we can occupy it during the summer unplastered and plaster it in August. Have a meeting of Presbytery here in September dedicate and pay for it. When will you be at home? If possible come here as soon as you return. I have many things to say about the building.

The only clothing I need is a pair of heavy pants--black. May be it is too late to get them. Any kind of clothing that is thick will do. I send you the measure. If it is perfectly convenient I should like to have the \$50.00 now for the reason that I dont like to run my face here so soon and I shall be at some expense at first and I can get along with less if I have the cash. Will the Board receive an application from me?

Yours

Ellis W. Lamb.

Pa
 Easton. Movember 20, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I was very much pleased to get your letter of the 6th. inst, telling us about the receipt and disposal of the \$250 from our Sunday-school missionary soccety. I read your letter to the Sunday-school and we all feel glad to think that we have been able to help if it is only a little in the good work. We are very glad to hear that you are coming to Easton soon and we will try to get up a good missionary meeting when you come. We would have liked you to come now but out pastor, Mr. Banks was obliged to leave home this week to go West and to be absent about four weeks. I had a consultation with him and Dr. Cattell and Pro. Selder Coffey about your coming and they concluded that the best time would be from 10th to 15th January, if you could come then. I hope you will be able to do so and when you do come, come to my house where you will find the latch string out and

a hearty welcome inside. Praying that you may be most abundantly blessed in your arduous work, I am truly your Brother in Christ.

Edward J. Fox.

Columbia College. Cor. Mad. Ave and 50th.St.
November 22, 1872.

Mr. Jackson.

Dear Sir:

Allow me to trouble you to forward the enclosed seven dollars to Rev. L. B. Crittenden. I should have done so had I been able to decipher the name of his place of residence the one which you were good enough to mention in your note. The name was probably written in some haste. Do not I beg of you trouble Mr. Crittenden to make any acknowledgement of the small sums he may receive occasionally from this quarter--I mean of course any formal thanks. It is a small thing that their lay brethren should now and then lend their aid to hard working frontier ministers. At most these same ministers get little enough in the money line. I wish I dared say that you might find 70 enclosed instead of 7.

Cordially yours
M. Torrey.

Longmont. *Colo*
November 22, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson.

Last night I had a long talk with a builder, Mr. Laker of this place and he estimates that a building 40 by 60 capable of seating about 200 persons would cost to finish it upwards of \$4000.00 He is an experienced man the best builder here. I can do nothing without the plan. I cannot even talk definitely to lumbermen. I am waiting for Mr. Buckingham's return and for the plan. Not waiting either for I am going most of the time. We must get \$7100,00 from abroad if it is possible. The people vex me by their indifference. Mr. Buckingham will probably be at home with in two weeks. I hear of an opportunity of getting lumber about 20 miles from here at a very cheap rate and there is no telling how long the weather will be good. Can you send me the specifications and plans or even the length, height and breadth (height to the eaves and height of gables) with these dimensions I can order lumber and the work will be going on. I wrote to Dr. Logan but did not ask for a particular amount.

If you can send the dimensions immediately
 Your Brother
 E. W. Lamb.

Evanston, Uinteah County,
 Wyoming Territory,
 November 25, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Denver Col.

My friend:

About a week or two ago I wrote to you concerning a fellow who calls himself Charles Barker and was our Sabbath-school superintendent until I received information from Rev. Alex. Sterrett of Terre Haute, Indiana and Rev. G. Keppert of Cheyenne that he was an impostor, forger and perhaps in every other respect as to character a very bad man. I demanded him to resign the office of S. S. Superintendent. He did so on the 10th instant, but he declared to me that he would do me all the personal harm he could and would do all he could to break up our Sabbath-school. Well, he went to Mrs. Ledgers where I am rooming and offered her nine dollars more a month than I was paying. She accepted it, although it was understood when I went there that I should have the room at least all winter at six dollars a month, and find my own furniture. So I had to hunt for another place and go to it. As to our Sunday school he has succeeded through money and presents and by some other of the most ridiculous means and foul ways in taking away our scholars until yesterday we had not one left. My teachers are becoming discouraged, two already have absented themselves. I would have exposed him through our news paper and would even now do it if I thought it the best way. I have been waiting upon you for advice. In the meantime I will this week publish in the "Age" that he is no longer our S. S. Superintendent. It is quite possible that I shall have personal difficulty with him, for I have reliable information that he has declared that he would horse-whip me if I would lay a straw in his way. Yesterday evening I denounced him from my pulpit (or stand) and I shall by the grace of our God hold myself in readiness to speak against him or take action against him just as I shall receive instruction or direction from you. But something must be done and that speedily or I may as well abandon the post. His friends here are few if any yet he has persons here who through their hostility to our evangelical religion would assist him in banishing or crushing every minister who does not favor Brighamism or Mormonism. This is my opinion and I believe that I am correct. It is my earnest desire that such an example be made of this fellow that

the church here and all the churches along the line may not be troubled with such a nuisance for many a day to come. Please let me have your aid either in person or by letter; and if only by letter please write also to Judge White and to Mr. Tooley and also to our Justice of the Peace, Mr. Foy, so that these several corroborative evidences will dispel all the doubts of the community as to the true character of this impostor. But I would much prefer if you would come in person and also if you could get Rev. W. G. Kephart to come with you and hold a church court over him, for as I have before said he has pronounced my letters from Rev. Kephart and Rev. Sterrett as frauds. I shall try and wait with patience to hear from you and shall try and do all the good I can, although I am sure that our Sabbath-school work will be much hindered if this fellow is permitted to run at large, at least for such a time as will discourage my S. S. officers beyond a six months recovery "One sinner" you know "destroyeth much good" But let me know the ways and means so that "The triumph of this hypocrite may be but for a moment" Please excuse my poor penmanship for I am yet obliged to write with my left hand. My right arm is much better but I will not be able to use it for a couple of weeks to come. I feel sorry to annoy you with such business as this but you will perceive that I am not the only one who has been pestered with this scoundrel, fool or crazy-brained individual or what ever he may be.

My kind regards to you and to your family.

Your friend

Frederick B. Welty,

Wabasha Minn. Nov. 25, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your letter was duly received and we are grateful for the interest you have manifested in us and your promise of assistance. Had the way been open we would have doubtless have been in Colorado to-day but it has been ordered in wisdom for God's ways are always best,

We are compelled to vacate our house this week and the hand of Providence was so manifest in providing a home which we cannot well leave until early Spring, that I feel constrained to say that we will not leave Wabasha until that time infact the friend whose house we are to occupy will not return from a trip South until then and needs us to care for the premises. While we naturally prefer a rail-road town and do not wish to get too far North, I am not at all troubled about a field of labor.

providing it is a healthy place, where I need not battle as here with chills and fever, bilious fever and bilious disorders generally. When you find a position that appears to you suitable for me please inform me and I shall feel greatly obliged.

Wishing you abundant success in your great and wide-extended field. I am

Your Brother in Christ
W. E. Hoveyman.

Auburn N.Y.
Willowport, November 27, 1872.

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I send you letters of introduction to Gen. _____ and Mr. Deland which I hope may be of some service to you. Could you conveniently call at the office of the Northern Pacific Railroad in Wall Street and ask about the land at Hoveyman's post and whether our ladies association could secure land for school purposes in that vicinity either by grant or purchase? If Gen. Marinal is in the office he will know about my application-- he said it should be made to the Land Company not to the Railroad Company. Please refer him to my letter of January 27, 1871 to the President Mr. L. Gregory Smith and Mr. Smith's reply-- January 22nd, 1872. I presume both of these letters are on record at the office of the company unless Mr. Smith have placed them with his private papers.

I hope you have met Mrs. Eraker. Believe me very truly yours,
C. W. Martin.

Helena Montana.

November 29, 1872.

Dear Brother:

Yours containing two photographic views of churches was received and for which please accept my thanks as also for copies of the "Rock Mountain Presbyterian" and the records for church sessions of the different organizations which were duly received in good order.

Brother Trackelton preached for us last Sabbath. He is abundant in labor but his travelling expenses are very heavy. Our congregations are good both morning and evening that is, for Helena ranging from thirty to seventy-five. Our people are quite enthusiastic and are wishing for a church. Bishop Tuttle secured fifteen hundred dollars for the Episcopalians in Deer Lodge. Cannot Bishop Jackson secure a like amount for the Presbyterians in the territories? Have you succeeded in getting

the communion service? Tracts and papers for free distribution among the miners and others are needed. 600 lumbermen are here what can be done to give them the Gospel? What is the address of Mr. Loomes our California Missionary? There seems to be two distinct classes of them and they speak different dialects. Can you not recommend some persons who we can apply for aid to help us in the erection of our church? I have written to the tract socceity enclosing the money for a book on church plans price \$150 but have heard nothing from it. Business is very dull the North and South rail-road is the main topic of conversation,

Sincerely yours,
W. C. Rommel.

New York. November 30, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson.

Brother Steve want you to help him in Uticu the second Sunday of December that is the eight. We authorize you to go and may you have a good time. I cannot do better for you in our hotel than \$45. a week for you all---how is that? We tack our Thanksgiving dinner at Mr. Shaldiris.

Yours truly

H. Kendall.

I think we shall use you in Penna. about two weeks. Please write me at once if you will be at liberty to go out campayning again for one two or three weeks after you have been at Uticu. I think we can make you of more service here for a month than you can be out West.

Brooklyn New York

Brookland. December 5, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Though I so often see your name in print I do not get an idea of your family since the last removeal, having known only at first that Mrs. Jackson liked Denver I hope she continues to do so and that it is well with the children. It would be pleasant to hear from the whole family. I thought of you particularly in October which we spent at Riocerside, Cooke Co. Illinois with our friends the Childs who lived in Chicago when we were in Illinois before. We enjoyed our visit much. Mr. Holliday and wife are in Europe with the Trask's he has left his people and sent on his resignation when he dicated to stay all winter. He is perfecting himself in german attending theological lectures &c. We get letters from them occasionally but miss them very much. I judge from what I see in print that the Presbyterian

Church is coming rapidly up to her duty in the matter of Home Missions. I wish it were so in all denominations but many of our Missionaries must be suffering intensely from unpaid salaries. I wish you could send me the name of some needy congregational missionary for our church to help. They are preparing a second box. The Boston fire will be felt by our missionaries so many missions are aided largely by Bostonians who are now impoverished. I presume that my 25 dollars is hardly needed with you as in days past or as it is at so many points in this region where the calls are endless. The colored race have for some years enlisted my sympathy deeply but never so much as now, next to the "Great West" I feel for the colored race. Is your health good? I hardly know what effect the change of residence has had upon you or the family, hope fever and ague is unknown in Denver. We heard of its ravages all around the river but none there. Your friend Mr. Wyckoff handed me five dollars for Mr. Jackson to use in his work, I did not speak of my impressions on that subject but awaited your decision before doing it. Now do write me if but a very few lines, reporting your family &c. &c. Forgot to say my health was never as good as now (80 years old December second) Inhaling compound oxygen last winter made me over.

With much love to all--as ever,

S. M. G. Merrile.

Autumn New York

Willowport. December 9, 1872.

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I am sure you will sympathize with us in the sorrow we feel in hearing that Mrs. Alexander's little babe born just before you returned to Fort Garland died on the 25th. of Nov. after suffering very much. I am sure that Mrs. Alexander must have regretted that the dear little child was not baptised as you suggested while you were at the Fort. My daughter Milly feels this very much as well as the parents of the little one. I have received three numbers of the "Evangelist" containing your letters. They are dated October 3rd, 10 and 24th, but I have not received the paper which gives an account of your visit at Fort Garland. Can you send it to me? I recommended to Mrs. Tom Egah of Cazenovia to send the communion service which she wished to give to Bozeman. I thought she would be intrusted in that matter but any other church which you may suggest I presume will be equally acceptable to her. We enjoyed your visit very much and regretted that it was so brief. May we not hope for a visit again when you come in this direction? Please let me hear from you when you have time and let me know whom I shall send on the three communion services.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson. Believe me very truly and
sincerely your friend,

Cornelia W. Martin.

Salt lake City.

December 13, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The hownes are let loose as you see by the three articles I send you. One of these you see is low and scurrilous--there is a good deal of feeling in town. The Tribune and Review have leveled their guns in the Old Bazaar Fort in reply; some of the outside ladies are coming to our rescue. An old citizen of Salt Lake, a lady, has prepared an article which will appear in this evening's Review, defending the wording of our appeal and giving incidences to prove that the women of Utah are deluded and down-trodden &c. But the worst of the whole thing is Mrs. Ewing has been arrested for keeping a house of ill-fame and I grieve that the grounds for her arrest are too true. She brought her letter from Dr. Scudder's church all right. We of course took her in--well we are taken in in turn. She has been dismissed by Judge Hawley with several others. Of course she was not brought up before the court lawfully--so the matter stands--I am convinced that she is a bad woman but I can't substantiate it. We will suspend her on public rumor for the present. This opens the door for the Mormons with her name along with the other women--of course they go in.--I want you to send them to the Presbyterian when you read them--ask the editor to review them with a short editorial. I could only get three or four--I am sending to the Observer--Evangelist &c. We may as well let the public know it now if we have to take this stand I am bound that we shall receive the benefit. Every one of these articles will bring us \$1000 or more dollars. I am sure the Lord remains good to us.

Your Brother in Christ.

Welch.

P. S. I expect to get the benefit of all the reserved adjectives of the Mormons when my letter returns--It is going now and I am going to let it go.

Bozeman Montana.

December 20, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Again your word of cheer, and the \$7 from Mrs. Torrey

of New York comes to us with much comfort. You ask "How much more will your daughter need to make her school self sustaining?" If we dared to interpret this as meaning "How much will pay seasonably for her expenses in getting here and for the labor she performs and is the occasion of having performed in the school for the present year?" and read it as the purpose of christian sisters to supplement the income from the tuition to make up any deficit; then we shall indeed feel that the purpose and the contributions were both God sends. We came here believing that we could have furnished up a school room and at least 20 pupils. We have a school room provided for us for five months and 13 pupils. In view of the rates of living here no one could say that our school could be sustained on seasonably on less than 20 pupils and school room free. Five pupils for 10 months at our rate will amount to \$300. This we had hoped to earn and receive but we shall not unless it comes from outside. One of the letters of Brother Frackelton expresses his views of the need of a Christian School of high order was the immediate cause of our venture in coming hither. Our view of the desirableness of such a school is not changed by an actual coming upon the grounds. And we think that Bozeman is perhaps the best point in the territory for the location of the school. I believe that if I had \$1000 to offer on condition that double or three times the amount could be added to it I could secure the building of a school-house and deed and lot for same. This I would deed to the church. Then if \$1000 could be loaned to me (personally) I would provide a house and home for my family with at least \$2000 and mortgage it to the loan of the money. With such or a similar arrangement I think we could form a christian school which would with the blessings of God be permanent. The school which I have as my ideal is a "Female School" a christian family school. I would desire to begin with capability to board comfortably 10 or 12 young ladies. These I believe we could get from abroad and at least as many more from home as day scholars. We have two or three at present who have been at the Nemery school in Helena and would have been there now but for us. Give us what I ask above and some school apparatus and a piano and we will have a good school. I have had some experience in teaching I think I know somewhat of suitable qualifications for a teacher and I think that my daughter possesses them in a high degree. She feels at present that teaching is her vocation. She can command such aid as she may require if her school can be properly founded. "The Sisters do not build their own houses and live at the same time upon the tuition fees. They beg of Protestants through the country after their homes have been built by "Protestance" I believe that a missionary spirit to a large degree has been the impulse which has brought us to Montana. (We have felt at times

very much doubt as to the propriety of our removal here but recently our faith that the fact of our coming here has been Gods working has strengthened us) I was quite sick after coming here but my health is improved and I expect to be able to do some missionary work again. Indeed I have preached almost every Sabbath since I left Corinne. Our household goods which were "out" from Corinne about 30 days before arrival are here and we have our log cabin "so daubed" and as to make us feel that we can be comfortable. I am about \$400 in debt however by means of expense of removal and purchase of stoves and bedstead, five chairs and a few other things (My money has not yet come from the Board of Missions) I had to borrow \$100 at the bank God raising me endorsers--for thirty days at 2 1/2 % per month, to pay freight on our boxes. We are really embarrassed with debt but I hope that our Father who "Knoweth that we have need of these things" will provide for us. (I have recently told Brother Frackelton that a preaching field with a laborers reward should open up to me I shall really try to fill it as best I can. I wish only to be the "Nominal Head" of the school after a while. My daughter is competent and secures a strong hold of the affections and will of her pupils. She is also a power considering that she is a little body in the Sabbath School and general society.) I did not know what to say to you when I began this letter but thought I would just talk over my affairs and the school affairs with you. It is true that the citizens of Bozeman have this season projected the building of a "College"--they have a subscription of nearly \$20000 which when it is made up to that amount is payable--and purpose to build an edifice and have a school in it next fall. But I do not look upon this enterprise as a Christian enterprise in its leading motives at all. It is not what we need as a handmaid to our evangelical effort as a church in the territory. It will be simply a graded school of a secular kind. I dont consider it in the way of "Our School" if we can have substantial aid to start on. One of the leading citizens of this place has his daughter now at the Nunery and says "Oh I am liberal--I told the sisters that if they made Catholics of them they would be converted back again among the good old Methodists here." We shall have his girls if we continue the school.

Yours in Christian love,
L. B. Crittenden,

Bozeman, December 28, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your very comforting letters were received some

time since. I have waited to hear of the success of your mission to New York city but as yet have not heard any thing from you regarding it. Mr. Crittenden has been so limited for means and I have had to advance him more money and go his security, expecting that ere this his school would have paid its way but it has not done it and now I am in a straight such as never before. Mr. Dickson wrote me a letter which I enclose. He does not at all understand the field or he would not have written as he did. You know that the trouble to my raising funds is just on account of the vastness of my district and of the few chances of preaching that are given besides Russel and Rommel both have but one Methodist minister to be supported upon their district whilst upon mine there are six and they are constantly among the people while I am there only semi-occasionally. I am now in debt to the amount of about \$225 for stage hire and board furnishings of my room and clothing suitable for winter. My trip to Helena was paid by the Lodge so that it cost nothing and gave me a margin besides of about \$2500 over and above expenses. I was forced to buy a buffalo over-coat in order to keep warm had to buy some boots and to purchase a new suit of cloths. Bought two chairs and a book case which cost me \$300 not very expensive a carpet for my room and a table. Freight on my books cost me \$38.35 and \$21.10 making a total of \$49.35. Borrowed a stove, wood costs \$6 per cord and pine at that. Board \$10 per week. Room \$10 per month. My stage hire averages \$35 per month for the winter probably a fraction more and so forth. My trips to the Grysen's I pay entirely out of my money received from home and is not counted in nor charged to the Board at all. My expenses are reduced to the lowest minimum. Each day I have calls for money either for accounts due by Mr. Crittenden or for myself and then working day and night as I have since coming here, harassed for money and then to have Dr. Dickson tell me that I was better off than many this is what hurts. I did not seek the place for ease and comfort nor did I seek it at all. I came because I wished good and I told you how I would come. There is no money in my field. Wheat cannot be sold for money nor can any thing else. The people are on the very brink of bankruptcy and account of having to pay for their farms. Interest ranges at 5% per month. I scarcely dare go on the street owing the amount I do with out any thing to pay it. At home that is, Father's they are unable to help me nor will I ask them. If Mr. Crittenden had waited until he had heard from me he would never have come but the letter I wrote reached Bozeman on its return one day after his arrival here. Yet I could not wish it to have been otherwise than it is, for he has done a good thing and has aided the cause greatly. If my any means he could be able to start a female seminary under the

charge of the church it would be of incalculated aid to us in our missionary work. And now in concluding I need rest bodily and mentally of late for the past three weeks I have been utterly unable to sleep on account of the worry, when day light comes it finds my eyes open as when I lay down and during the night they have not been closed. I have no time for reading but it is "twist twist" from morning until night. I have organized one new church at Willow Creek and I want to leave for there next week and to do it will have to run deeper into debt. Upon the strength of your letter I have just given up work until after Presbytery meets and will fulfill my appointment up to that time then leave it in the hands of Providence what I shall do. My expenses are larger than either Russel's or Rommel's and had I sat down and remained in Bozeman with out going outside I would not have been in the condition I am in to-day. It remains for time to tell which has been the wiser course, at present it looks like mine has not from a financial point of view and how far Spiritually it remains to be seen.

Asking you once more to urge matters with the Board and let me know what they expect to do. With kind regards to all at Denver especially to Mrs. Jackson and children

I am, your Brother in Christ
Will S. Frackelton.

Atlantic la. December 30, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Brother:

For some time past my health has been failing so that I am beginning to think a change of climate will be necessary if I am to continue preaching long. Lately I have had a great deal of trouble with my throat and I fear my lungs are in danger. I can not leave here now but unless my health improves I should like to go west in the Spring just as soon as circumstances will permit for I think that the mountain air will do me good. I have thought of two things, I might send my family home for some months and go to the mountains alone to spend the Spring and summer in missionary work and return in the Fall to resume my work here or take some other field if my health should be sufficiently restored or I might take charge of a missionary field in the mountains or Utah permanently if the way should be open. Please tell me what chances there would be for me. Are there any desirable places vacant? Or could I get work for the Summer? Can passes be obtained on the U. P. R. R. and what support would I be likely to receive? Give me all the information

you can, I shall be extremely sorry to leave this place but for some time past I have been thinking it would be necessary for the reason I have mentioned. My work is too hard for me. According to the present arrangement I have to ride 14 miles every Sabbath after preaching here in the morning and preach at night. I would not mind it if I had the strength to stand it but it is using me up, with out a change I fear I shall soon have to give up the work entirely.

My wife keeps in excellent health and likes the West and enjoys the missionary work in which she much excels.

Your humble servant,

M. Hughes.

Central.

December 31, 1872.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Returned this A. M. Please let me know if Lamb gets seriously worse.

Do you remember sending my name on for the Evangelist? They sent me the paper on your application as I supposed gratis. I never sent for it. Yet they sent me the enclosed bill! I enclose Brown's letter. There were more than sufficient subscriptions supposed to be good but uncollected left in Mr. Smith's hands at Golden to pay this bill--I told the people there that I would square off the debt on the church building but did not agree to assume other standing accounts.

Let me hear from you in Utah when you can.

Affectionately yours

J. G. Lowrie.

If they sell our church for debt, may I go home?

Rockford, Ill.
Feb. 28th, 1872.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;
Dear Sir:

Doubtless you never know a tithe of the fruitage your seed-sowing accomplishes. For instance at your visit at Rockford, a gentleman and lady who heard your address talked of it in their home, and a young lady teacher boarding with them was so impressed thereby and had Alaska so laid upon her heart that she decided to give \$100 a year, out of scanty resources, to support a new missionary there. Our Women's M. M. Aux. are trying to raise the additional \$300. therefor. We wish to awaken the people and Ministers of Rockford District (of the W. F. Church) to assist in the last hundred dollars, and expect to have the 1st An. mtg. of our M. M. District Association in connection with the Ministerial Association, at Marengo (about 25 miles from here) about the 1st of April.

It occurred to us that just possibly you might be in our locality about that time, and we could secure you for evening address.

Although such a forlorn hope, we try it. May we hear from you at your earliest convenience, stating terms, and probabilities, and I will send you exact date of meeting as soon as I can get it.

Your story is indeed thrilling and wonderful.

Address

Mrs. John Budlong.

1873.

New York City, Jan. 1st, 1873.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I trust that this letter which I have been trying to write for several days, may find you safe at home, and that you may be permitted to enjoy a little rest after your long journeyings. I received a letter from Mrs. Williams, La Porte, Indiana, offering to connect as auxiliary to our Society for Home Missions and requesting some definite object. I wrote her at length and suggested a missionary in whatever locality might interest them most. If we could by our next quarterly in April give a list of one dozen Home Auxiliaries, I think it would be great encouragement to others to join. Mrs. Henry Ten Eyck of Cazenove has sent a check for one of the services, forwarded by Mrs. Martin, and wishes that service to be for Eozeman. I advised her to write Mr. Frackleton and so get up her interest to that point. If we get paid for the other two sets, I think they two had better be considered individual gifts from the auxiliaries to those churches at Helena and Deer Lodge. Thanks for the Presbyterian with Mr. Frackleton's letter. He seems a bright young man and I have no doubt will become prominent in that territory.

Mrs. Martin suggested that if you wrote to Mrs. Joel Jones and Mrs. Kennedy in Philadelphia, they would probably at your request send us some money to help finish the church at Las Vegas. The sooner we get that out of the way, the more we can do elsewhere. If you can help organize some auxiliary, let them give ever so little, it will be the start for more missionary interest. The little spark will kindle into a steady flame.

We shall always look to you to suggest objects of work and interest. If we can do them, of course we will. It is slow work. Stone must be laid upon stone. But if each is laid on with a prayer, it will succeed. To-day is a gala day in New York. We hear the sleigh bells, and visits are being paid and received all around us; but within our doors broods the shadow of death and we know not how soon the foe may enter. Our son-in-law was brought home from Cuba last Saturday and is stricken with consumption. He was carried from the steamer to his bed, and though he may linger a little yet the end is near and certain. It is a great burden laid upon me, but an all-wise One sends it, and for some good.

Our January magazine will be out the middle of the month. I have taken a part of your article about Taos. I am sure that our work there will grow. Whenever you can give us some of your jottings of travel, I shall be thankful and try

to make the best use of them.

I am now called away and send this off, for I fear that I may not get at it again.

With kind regards to yourself and wife

Truly yours,

J. V. Graham.

Let me hear about that lady teacher for Deer Lodge and the prospects there.

Cheyenne City, Jan. 5, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Denver, Col.

Union services in our church last night preparatory to three in same place and three in Methodist church during coming week of prayer. Cooper enters on his labors in earnest; we ask your prayers for his success. You should come over during week, or at farthest next Sunday if possible. You can do us service.

Yours,

Snyder.

Valmont, Col. Territory,
Jan. 6, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother:

I learn from Brother that you had returned, as he heard you preach in Denver.

I have received a very enthusiastic and unanimous call from the church of Brodhead, Wis., to become their pastor. What shall I do about it? It comes so unexpectedly, and so full of Christian love and regard, that it has made a deep impression on my mind. You know my aversion to cold weather, but cold hearts are worse. It is now five years since I left that field, and yet their hearts are as warm and united as when I left them. Do you think Charles & Co. will try to make me any trouble in leaving?

As far as I can see, this call is the answer to the earnest prayer of my soul for these many months.

I wish I could come down and see you, but as I cannot I write you.

Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient.

With kindest wishes, I am

Affectionately yours,

A. R. Day.

P. S. I do not wish anything said about this matter at present.

 Denver, Col., Jan. 10, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your favor of the 6th inst. did not reach me till this morning. The number received at our last communion was 13 (thirteen).

I have called upon Custis & Hatch. They live next door to Judge Blackburn's. Mrs. Custis was a Congregationalist and Mrs. H. an Episcopalian,--but they expect to attend our church. Miss Mary Moffat handed me her Certificate a day or two ago. We will elect three additional elders Wednesday the 22d inst. Will let you know who.

All well. Nothing special developed as yet at the Union prayer-meetings. There were about 180 present on Monday evening (a union meeting of all the churches in Denver). I left the prayer meeting at eight o'clock and went with the chief of Police down to Occidental Hall, a large gambling house, and preached to 250 men and about a dozen waiter girls in costume. I also preached Wednesday night after prayer-meeting, in the Corn Exchange (another gambling house) to a crowded house. I expect to preach again at the Occidental to-night. I do not give any notices of these services, but just go quietly in with a policeman and ask the permission of the proprietor to sing, pray and preach, and then, permission being given, mount the platform and commence. I will write you again more fully about these services after I have tried them more fully. I have got a new insight into Denver life. I had no conception of the depths of open wickedness in these Hells, nor of the tremendous number who frequent them. From what I have seen, I think there are from 700 to 1000 men every night in these Hells.

Mrs. B. and children join in love to yourself,
 Mrs. Jackson and children.

Fraternally,

W. Y. Brown.

Belvidere, N. J.,
Jan. 10th, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir-

You are often brought to my mind by the arrival every month of your interesting little paper which I read with interest. I have had it in my mind to write you for some time to ask you to send me the names and addresses of about six needy missionaries whom you think would appreciate receiving a religious newspaper. I could send one and perhaps more every week, and there are several friends of mine whom I think would enjoy doing the same.

I enclose you \$2.00 - the first offering of my only child, a little boy between five and six years old. Use it in the cause of missions wherever you think it will do good.

May God bless you greatly in the great work you are doing for Him - it is a blessed work which brings happiness along with it every step of the way.

Yours sincerely,
M. A. Blair.

Plattsburgh, N. Y.,
Jan. 10th, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a draft for \$10.00 from the Sabbath School of the First Presbyterian Church of this place, of which I am pastor. It is their contribution to Home Missions, which they would have appropriated to some missionary in the range of your field, and to such part of his work,--Sabbath-School or other part,--as he may think will be most profitable. Not knowing any man, to whom it might be most fitly sent, I take the liberty of sending it to you for appropriation to some one whom you may select. If he will acknowledge it in a letter to our School, it may elicit other gifts. It is but a small sum, but I have advised this disposition of it, as a step in the benevolent education of the school, and it will be likely to lead to large things, if it is duly encouraged.

May I hope to hear soon from some missionary, who by some account of his work will interest our children in it.

Yours fraternally,
Edwin A. Bulkley.

New York, Jan. 10th, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rev. and dear Brother:

Yours of the 30th ultimo is at hand in which you ask to retain, in view of your increased expenses, "What you may obtain from the people at that point" (Salt Lake City) during the two months of your expected stay.

There will be no objection on our part.

Hope you will find it pleasant to be there with your family, as the winter at the city is said to be mild.

Let us hear from you frequently and fully.

I sent the names to Mrs. Alexander which you left.

We are having very hard winter weather.

Did you see, or hear of, Mr. Lamb in Colorado, Wyoming, or Utah? We have not heard from him for a long time.

Most truly and fraternally,
Cyrus Dickson.

New York,
Cazenova, Jan. 14, 1873.

Mr. Jackson:-

Dear Sir,

I have this day received your letter acknowledging the communion set sent by our woman's society. I wish you would write me a letter more about the church at Bozeman. I have seen your acknowledgment of our gift in the "Mountain Presbyterian," but our people would like to know if there is a regular pastor to the church, what his condition, if he has a family, if they are Presbyterians and Christians, etc., etc. You know how minute in all our work we are in a village parish and as we have a monthly meeting of our women, I would like to get them personally interested in this little church to which our communion service has gone (Bozeman). I saw a letter from Mr. Frackleton in the Presbyterian, but that did not give me what we want, which is to know the spiritual condition of the minister and members and have they begun a Sabbath School?

I beg you will not be troubled by my questions, but will appreciate them as coming from the President of our Presbyterian Church Society and answer when convenient.

E. W. Ten Eyck.

Accept the leaflets. You may sometimes need a God speed and word of encouragement. The spirit sends these through me to you

Auburn, New York,
Willowbrook, Jan. 16th, 1873.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Christian Friend:

I thank you for your interesting letters of Jan. 8th and of Dec. 30th. I have deferred my answer to the letter from Denver of Dec. 30th until I could write you fully respecting the communion services and the mission at Bozeman. I send you herewith the Express Company's receipt for the box containing the three communion services for Montana, Helena, Deer Lodge and Bozeman I think are the places you mentioned. One of these communion services, from Mrs. Henry Ten Eyck, Cazenovia, is for the church at Bozeman. I asked her to send it there, thinking that thus she would become interested in that mission. The church to which Mrs. Ten Eyck belongs, the Presbyterian church of Cazenovia, has several members possessing very large means, and the Ladies' Missionary Society organized during the past year raised \$800.00 for missionary purposes. Now if that church would undertake the support of the teacher and raise or help raise \$300.00 a year for her, so much would be accomplished. I will write to Mrs. Ten Eyck about this and will let you know what she says. She is president of the Ladies' Missionary Association of Cazenovia. She is a noble, earnest woman in everything she undertakes. She has sent \$100.00 for the ministers whom Mr. Roberts took with him to Taos. If they cannot raise \$300.00, I will ask the ladies at Cazenovia to raise \$200.00 for Miss Crittenden at Bozeman, and will ask the mission school association at Albany to raise \$100.00. This will sustain one teacher or supplement what she receives from her scholars.

If Mr. Crittenden will select some land owned by the Northern Pacific Railroad Co., I will see if I can get them to make our mission school association a grant of it; some land in the town and some land elsewhere which can be sold to help establish the school. I trust Ivison & Phinney, Publishers, New York, will give all the school books required. I believe that a piano is a requisite for a successful school. I hope one will be given, but it should be purchased at the nearest point when the time comes, on account of the expense of transportation.

I am very much interested in this enterprise and will try to secure the \$300.00 and school books, but must leave the other part of the work mentioned by Mr. Crittenden, for others to do. It can be done.

I hope Mr. Crittenden will persevere. Please ask Mr. Crittenden or his daughter to write to Mrs. Frederick Townsend, 3 Elk Street, Albany, N. Y., or to me, and also to Mrs. Henry Ten Eyck, Cazenovia. I wish the church at Cazenovia would take the responsibility of the mission at Bozeman,

but if they have other responsibilities already assumed, if they will raise \$200.00 and the society in Albany \$100.00, probably Mrs. Graham's society in New York will give \$200.00 and thus make up the \$500.00 you mention.

Mrs. Graham has written me about the trouble Mr. Roberts (who has arrived at Taos) has with the priests, who try to break up his mission to the Indians. Dr. Lowrie is gone on to Washington and will see about this interference. Mrs. Graham says a property can be purchased at Taos worth \$5000 for \$1400. Dr. Lowrie wishes the Ladies Board to raise the money. Mrs. Graham wishes to do it, but first must finish the church at Las Vegas. Do you not think the Young Ladies society in New York city would help purchase this property, if they were applied to?

I am rejoiced to hear that the mission at Sante Fe is under the care of the Home Board. The mission at Las Vegas ought also to be, I think, and only the missions to the Indians be under the Foreign Board. Dr. Condit, of Auburn, expressed great regret that he did not see you when you visited us.

I shall hope soon to hear from you again. I have an interesting letter from Mr. Roberts written after his arrival at Taos. I will send it to you if you desire me to do so.

Believe me

Very truly yours,
C. W. Martin.

Trinidad, Col.,
Jan. 17th, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Several postals received, latest being Jan. 14th. We are just getting settled permanently in our own house and will shortly be able, I hope, to work to more advantage than ever before, both as regards work here and what we may be able to do with the pen. Mrs. R. can write a splendid letter, though has never written anything for print and is afraid to try. Will endeavor to persuade her. Please send me P. E. M. Presbyterian weekly. Will pay you next quarter, if not sooner. Next week I will do what I can to get others here to take it. The S. S. Christmas, week of Prayer, and moving, etc., have kept me awfully busy. Everything going as favorably here as we could expect.

Will you be so kind as to renew my enclosed half fare permits, as I cannot apply to the nearest agent as required. If you can get me one on the Denver and Rio Grande, would be obliged to you.

Excuse brevity on account of haste.

Very truly,

E. P. Robb.

 Colorado,
 Central City, Jan. 19, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Our people have spoken several times that they wished I would get Brother Jackson to preach a few sermons. Anderson preached two evenings last week, and I have given notice that I will preach every night this week. We had preaching every night last week and the attendance increased constantly. Last night I had the largest audience I have ever had here. There are a few anxious ones and more who are seriously thinking. We are alone as a church, because there is no disposition or request to unite on the part of the others. The people like to hear you, and if you could come up any one or two days this week, I wish you would. I cannot prepare sermons for every night and do much visiting. I shall not depend on your coming, but come if you can without interfering with your other work.

Yours hastily,
 H. B. Gage.

If you come, write me when.

 Colorado,
 Central, Jan. 20, 1873.

Dear Brother:

I have just received a letter from Dr. Wilson, in which he says the Board of Church Erection "decline" doing anything for our church. (a) The Board are in debt. (b) The church is too near Black Hawk. (c) There is a Congregational Church at Central. The Home Board gives only \$200.00; and though we did not expect much from the Erection Board, we expected some aid. I am really troubled about the church, and I know they will be when they know the action of the Board. I have sent out a great many letters and circulars, and so far have received nothing.

I am very tired. It is too hard on me to preach every night and prepare a sermon every day. I wrote you Monday to come up and preach one or two nights this week if you could.

Yours truly,
 H. B. G.

Montana,
Deer Lodge, Jan. 20, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Miss Sims showed me your letter to her about the school. I have spoken to several men about the project. They think it useless to attempt any school of that kind unless it be a boarding school for girls. About \$25,000 would be needed for that purpose. We have the best public school in the Territory and the best school building.

Respectfully,
J. R. Russel.

Montana,
Bozeman, Jan. 20, 1873

Dear Brother Jackson:

God has just kindly raised me up from a bed of sickness and your cheering letter came, for which very many thanks I am, I trust, willing to suffer in his service. Yea, to spend and be spent, only so his name may be glorified. Yet sometimes his ways seem dark and now that he has taken \$100 from me to pay for my illness, it must be for the best, although it does seem dark. I thank you for your kind endeavor regarding increase of salary and I appreciate it. The help will be opportune. You ask for a dismissal. If you get it, it will leave us but four ministers. Will it not invalidate our presbytery and endanger its life? If not, I will gladly present the claim and will do it any way as you desire. I am so weak, cannot write much, but will try and write soon again. Will try and act on your suggestion regarding Brother Crittenden. I hope and pray he may succeed, for his work is a good one.

May the Lord bless and keep thee and give thee many in thy crown of rejoicing, is the prayer of

Your brother in Christ,
Will S. Frackelton.

Canon City, Colo.,
Jan. 21, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Brother:

I have delayed in writing, thinking that you might not yet have returned from the States. And I am not certain, now, that you are at Denver. It is, however, quite important that I should reach you through the medium of correspondence. I am greatly oppressed for want of the quarterly installment for the first quarter, promised by the Secretaries of the Presbyterian Home Mission Board. Their Commission

came to hand on the 10th of December, and I immediately wrote to them my quarterly report, and told them where to direct the money. But to this date, I have received no help from them. The means, within my immediate command, are rapidly becoming exhausted. You know the subscriptions on my field are not available at once; and if they were, they could not meet the necessary current expenses. I recently (about two weeks since) wrote a letter to the Secretaries, mentioning the state of the case. If they cannot furnish, according to expectation, the aid needed and promised, it seems to me they ought, at least, to write to the missionary something or other, to let him know how the matter stands. My success here has gone far beyond the most sanguine anticipations. The meeting-house which we use (the Baptist edifice) is scarcely adequate to accommodate my audience; and the congregation seems to be increasing every Sabbath in the month, at present. There is a great scarcity of money here, and this fact is an obstacle. I am sorry to say that Brother Brewster has to be absent at Pueblo most of the time. He is an agent for the Colorado Improvement Co. and has his office at that place. Brother Gage is expected to come here this week and to remain over Sabbath. We shall hold a communion service on that day. There are some half a dozen Presbyterians in town, seeking health; and I think there are perhaps a dozen persons, under my gradual drill who will by and by join our church. I have received two into fellowship since I came here. Some will be received into the church on next Sabbath.

We have the use of the house 3 Sabbaths

I do very much want to hear from you. Did you succeed in procuring that suit of clothes? If you can, by any exertion of influence in the direction of the Mission Board, induce them to supply me without further delay with the material aid which I need, I will be grateful to you for any service of the kind you shall see fit to render in my behalf.

The Canon City people have under consideration the project of building a \$20,000 hotel. Whether it will fall through or not, I cannot now say.

My health is good. I have added thirteen pounds to my weight since I came here.

In hope of hearing from you soon,
I remain

Your earnest brother,
John D. Bell.

Colorado,
Golden, Jan. 21st, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have been sick with the epizootic or epidemic, or "inflouence," or something else, that made my head ache, my bones ache, my eyes watery, my throat unusually sore, my proboscis unusually troublesome, etc., etc. Our three churches united in services during the week of prayer, and I

have kept up the services every evening since. These engagements have prevented an earlier compliance with your request for a report, etc. I hope to be better when the epi. passes over.

I have no means of ascertaining the ~~photo summary of~~ money raised by the church during the year 1872, but can give you the account since I took charge. Before I came, Brother Lowrie kept all the account that was kept, and I do not know anything about it.

The number of additions during the year 1872 were thirteen, two of whom united on profession of faith, and eleven by letter. The whole number is now twenty-two. We are expecting some additions at our next communion.

The Sabbath School had been given up when I came here and the children gathered into other schools. Sept. 22d we reopened the school and had fifteen persons present including teachers and scholars. We now have forty-five scholars and seven teachers on our roll and an average attendance of about thirty-five scholars and six teachers. We are using the Westminster Lessons for this year, and each teacher takes the "Presbyterian at Work."

We have revived the weekly prayer-meeting, which was given up when Brother Lowrie left. We have furnished the church with two good stoves, and had a nice Christmas tree for our Sabbath School.

The amount of money raised since Sept. 1st, 1872, and up to Jan 1st, 1873, was

By church collections,	\$20.85
" Sabbath School,	15.00
" Thanksgiving supper,	180.00
" Subscription on salary,	<u>115.00</u>
Amount for four months	\$330.85

Our congregations are increasing both in numbers and interest, and we are praying and hoping for conversions. Some are unusually interested. We are just adopting a regular scheme of benevolent contributions, and mean to do what we can for the rest of the world as well as for ourselves.

Brother, pray for us.

With kind regards to your family

Your brother in Christ,

J. S. Smith.

P. S. I saw a man yesterday who told me he owed \$25 on subscription for the church and would pay it as soon as he could raise the money. We will try and get your bill in soon. Another man has acknowledged an obligation of \$20 which he promises to pay soon, and I will see to both these cases,--if I cannot raise the money on them to send you,--as soon as my strength will permit me to attend to it.

J. S. S.

Bozeman, M. T.,
Jan. 22d, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Brother Frackleton told me this evening that in a recent letter to him, you suggested that application be made for me to the "Relief Fund" of our church. At first I felt some revolting of feeling at this; but the truth is, that I need aid from some source to "get upon my feet" figuratively speaking. I told you in a letter last week that "our little school" will with economy pay our family living expenses. It will not do more than this, and how I am to pay the debt incurred in getting here and settling to housekeeping is a matter of real solicitude. And now you have come forward, of your own accord and made this suggestion. I think I may say-- "the Lord knows I would rather give, if I had it, than to receive the amount from the church," but I will receive it thankfully, if I can get it. And if pecuniary ability be granted to me in the future, I trust I may think of it as a loan, and if not, as a gift from the Lord.

We are here now, and I do pray that the Lord may take care of us and make it plain that he has pleasure in our removal hither.

After a few weeks, if my health continues as good as now, I could do missionary work in preaching or colporterage, while my family remain here, and my daughter care for the small school. I feel backward to ask for any appointment or "Commission" because my health has failed me heretofore. I have tried to be faithful in the Master's cause, I think, and I hope he will accept my sincere attempt to serve him, although I feel that the fruit of my labor is very little.

Brother Frackleton became responsible for me to the amount of \$200.00 or more, and now disaster has come upon his father and he is himself sick and feels poor.

We truly appreciate your sympathy for us, which has been manifested in your thoughtful plans to help us.

My wife and daughter wish to be remembered with warm regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

I remain

Your friend

and brother in Christ,

L. E. Crittenden.

New York City,
Jan. 23, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

My sister, Mrs. James L. Graham, has been confined to her bed for nearly three weeks by a very severe cold and has experienced also the additional anxiety of sorrow of having her son-in-law brought home ill, and die in her house. Owing to these two unhappy causes, she has been obliged to leave the charge of the last meeting of the "Ladies Board" to Mrs. Holden, and consequently has not been able to do anything for your paper. She hopes, however, to have it in her power to render you some service in the course of a few weeks. She is glad to be able to send (in the course of a few days) the sum of \$300 from the "Ladies Board" to Miss Crittenden as her salary.

Mrs. Graham has received from the "Morning Star Society" of Peekskill, the amount paid for the communion set, she gave you. This Society desires it to be considered their gift, and will probably write you on the subject. A correspondence between you might tend to increase their interest in the work.

Mrs. Graham desires me to add that she has been unable to do anything in relation to the railroad pass for your friend, but hopes to aid you in that matter as soon as she regains sufficient strength to sit up and write letters.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Graham,

20 N. Washington Sq.

Canon City, Colo.,
Jan. 23d, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I wrote a letter to you yesterday, asking you to intercede to procure the first quarter's installment promised by the Presbyterian Home Mission Board. This is to say that the said installment reached me to-day. I am therefore provided for. There will be no difficulty in getting along for some time to come. Our people intend in the course of a month to hold a concert, the proceeds of which I will use, with the purpose of replacing the amount when all the subscriptions for my support shall have come in. Brother Gage tells me you are at Salt Lake City. My other letter was sent to Denver. I have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the R. M. Presbyterian. Was it you that secured to my address the N. Y. Witness? It comes (rather irregularly) having been ordered by somebody. I referred in my communication of yesterday to the singing books. Did you take any action in the

matter? We would be very glad to receive them. Our choir is the best in town. Indeed, we have among us the best singers, vocal and instrumental, that are in the habit of regularly attending church, namely, Mrs. Weshheiser, the two Misses Brewster, Mrs. Bass, Miss Bierce, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Barton. Mr. Barton and wife are Methodists, but they come to our meetings constantly. Mr. Underhill and wife have also been Methodists, but they have come over to us and expect to join next Sabbath. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd (hotel-keeper) will join us, I think, by and by. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas have come over into our church from the Congregationalists. The other ministers in town have scarcely enough hearers to be entitled to the name of a congregation, unless a dozen or fifteen persons can be considered as such. Our house is nearly always full. It is, however, to be greatly regretted that our members do not take hold as they ought. They are too much disposed to leave everything to somebody else. I wish you could come and spend a Sabbath with me. Would be very glad to see you. I had good congregations at Fair Play. They treated me splendidly. Gave me a collection of \$29.75. Shall go there regularly in the spring and summer. Brother Van Doren (one of our elders) was removed to Pueblo.

How are matters getting on at Salt Lake City?

With prayers and earnest wishes for your health and prosperity, I remain

Yours fraternally,
J. D. Bell.

New York, Jan. 23, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Greetings --

I have been looking up a chance for a week or more to write you a few lines. I want to hear from you directly as to what you think of things generally, in connection with our church at Salt Lake. I have hoped to be back myself before this, but I find this work goes slowly. I wrote Mr. Reyle last night sending \$860. I have now on hand \$1100.00 more. Dr. Paxton got \$1000 from one of his members, I don't know whom, for us. I haven't get into Dr. Adams' church yet, but will this next week. I wrote to Parsons Monday to confer among you with reference to the advisability of selling our house and all the lot except sixty feet on the corner. I went to see Dr. Hall yesterday evening about it, and he says No, that we will always use it. He says stick to it a little longer and you will come out all right, etc. He is going to put an article in next week's Evangelist over his own signature, on the subject. He also is going to wake up a few more of his people, privately. So I concluded after talking to him, to hammer away. Dr. Hall advises me to make ap-

plication to the Board of Church Election for \$5000.00 and he will see it through. I wish you to make it out and forward it to the Clerk of Wyoming Presbytery, so that as little time may be consumed as possible, before it comes before the Board. I think it will work up faster from this on. If I get through with this all right, Providence will have to make it very plain to me, before I take hold of anything like it again.

Have you any prospect for a man at Corinne? Let me know. Find out what you can about Fillmore. I am anxious to get a man down there. Dr. Kendall and I are to give the students at Union Seminary a blast, one of these days. I am going to paint Utah.

Give me all the items of interest about your work. Is there any spiritual interest manifested? How were the services of the week of prayer attended?

Are you impatient to get back home? Shouldn't wonder if you are; I promise that I'll not remain away an hour longer than I can possibly help.

Fracleton writes the Presbytery of Montana are very anxious to have him come to the General Assembly, that he will start in February! How is that? Dr. Kendall told me this morning that he guessed when he got here, they would tell him he might look out for a place for himself in the East.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson and to Mr. and Mrs. Parsons.

Your brother in Christ,
Josiah Welch.

Colorado,
Canon City, Jan. 24, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I am happy to be able to say to you, that a meeting of Presbytery to consider Mr. Bell's relations to the Church here will not be necessary, as he has signified to me his willingness to resign so soon as we pay him for services rendered. We are getting up a musical entertainment to come off in ten days or two weeks, by which we hope to realize a considerable part of the sum needed to enable us to pay him, as well as to reimburse you the amount you expended on your recent trip here. We are meeting with less difficulty than I feared we would, in accomplishing this thing; I hope and pray that our experience in this unhappy business may tend to an increase in spirituality, and devotion to the cause of Christ, on the part of every one of our membership.

Children send thanks for papers received.

Fraternally yours,
J. K. Brewster.

Colorado,
Central, Jan. 23th, 1873.

My dear Brother:

I have been getting along very well since I last wrote you. Have kept in good health and spirits,--much better than when I wrote last. Still feel encouraged by the status of the Central church, in everything but finances, which the same are very tight.

We had a big fire here Sunday night last. Episcopal church burned and several buildings around it. Congregational and Baptist churches narrowly escaped. Loss \$23,000.00. Fortunately, about the only lull in the wind we have had for a month, in the night time, occurred when nearly the whole town would have gone.

Matters at Black Hawk grow darker and it is beyond my power to give that attention to the field which might, with God's blessing, insure a better state of things. Personal relations with the church there still O. K., but the bones are very dry. What obliges me to take up a collection there for all the Boards? Not the printed rules of the Board of Home Missions. I know the General Assembly recommended or enjoined it, but if I can help it I don't want to call on them at Black Hawk for more than the one collection due the Home Missions Board. What do you think about it?

God bless you in your work. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson. This is my second letter to you at Salt Lake.

Affectionately yours,
J. G. Lewis.

Philadelphia, Jan. 31, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

In response to your request dated Dec. 30th, we forwarded to you by Railroad two days ago a box containing six grants, viz: 1 For Caribou church \$17.50, 2 For Middle Boulder church \$17.50, 3 For Boulder church \$50.00, 4 For Carson City church \$35.00, 5 For Fairplay church \$17.50; these all in Social Psalmodists. 6 To yourself in tracts for distribution \$16.91. Total \$154.41. Our Missionary Fund is now very low and we are begging hard for money to replenish it.

Please send me a short note about the usefulness of our grants to your new churches and Sunday Schools, which I may use in soliciting aid.

Fraternally yours,
W. E. Senenck.

Colorado,
Golden, Jan. 31st, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

It gives me great pleasure to enclose you the within check for the balance of that freight bill on those windows.

While I was studying about the ways and means for raising the money, a Mr. Gun met me and said he owed \$25 on subscription towards the church, which he had never been able to pay, but that if he could sell his place he could pay it. In a day or two afterwards he found a customer and sold his place, and the subscription is paid. In the meantime Mr. Loveland had received pay on another subscription, and thus the whole amount was secured yesterday afternoon. We rejoice and thank God for our own sakes and yours too, for what seems to be a Providential interposition in our behalf. Please accept our thanks for your generosity and patience, and the assurance that it affords us real pleasure to cancel the debt.

My health is better than when I wrote you last, but my two boys are sick with severe colds causing slight chills and some fever. Nothing serious, however, and they are both getting better.

There is considerable sickness among us of that character just now.

Last Sabbath was our communion, and we received one member by letter, making our present number twenty-four. I have received a letter from an old friend in Michigan, who is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a successful Sabbath School superintendent and a good chorister, who wants to come here. We have a splendid opening for him here in his business line (he is a first class tailor) and I have written for him to come immediately. I shall expect to hear from him this week. Pray that God will send him to us; we need him so much.

Our Union Meetings continue with evident good results, though nothing very marked as yet in regard to outsiders. Oh how much we need the "Power from on high."

I sometimes almost faint for the longing I have for the general baptism of the Spirit upon our churches and community. Pray for us.

With kind regards to your family

Your brother in Christ,
J. S. Smith.

Springfield, Ohio,
Feb. 3, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find draft (No. 60894) on Central National Bank, New York City for Twenty Five Dollars. The Presbyterian Church at Helena appear to be much in need; if none others are more so, please place it there, but use it wherever you think it best. Am sorry I cannot now do more.

Would like to have seen you when here. The Lord prosper you, yours and your work.

In receipting for this, make it to the Second Presbyterian Church here and oblige

Yours very truly,
M. Steele.

Bozeman, Montana,
Feb. 6th, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Enclosed with this find letter to Mrs. Martin, also hers to you. I did not know where to direct to her. When matters get forward a little more, my daughter will get into communication directly with the ladies. We thank God for his care of us. We don't want to be covetous; but we do pray to get out of debt, and that we may feel that we are doing work acceptable to God. I have to-day borrowed \$125 at 2-1/2 per cent. a month for sixty days, feeling quite sure that from one source or another I may pay it.

I suppose that application will be made by our Presbytery to the Board for renewal of "Commissions" and increase of salary to our Missionaries in Montana. They cannot live upon \$1000 and pay travelling expenses. Brother Frackleton has been very sick, and is not now in good health. I said to him the other day, "If you were able in health, to get from Gallatin, Willow Creek and vicinity the promise of \$----- for a Minister then the Board could supplement it by "Commission." He said he had intended to do that very thing; but I fear this is not the form (order) that the request for "Commissions" will take. I am willing to do what I can to supply the preaching places of Brother F. while gone East, if he shall go. I am willing to go over to Virginia City and Passanica Valley, leaving my family here during the summer, if I can do work for Christ. And if Bozeman and Hamilton make one field and Gallatin City and vicinity another, I will work either of them if called to do it while I am able. Or I will do colportage and pick up scholars for our school.

I remain yours fraternally, D. B. Crittenden.

Denver, Colorado,
Feb. 3, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I ought sooner to have answered your kind letter and the accompanying check for \$50.00, but in the weakness that succeeded my sickness I kept putting off many important letters. I came here a few days ago to be near Dr. Thacker for a few days and to see the friends here. Please tell Mr. Parsons that I received his letter and will answer it before long.

Rev. W. W. Curtis, of Kansas, who graduated at the end of my junior year in the seminary, wants to come to Colorado. I know of no pleasanter or abler young minister, nor any whom I should rather see take charge of Longmont. Lowrie and Gage will, I know, both speak highly of him, very highly. He is troubled with a severe and seated catarrh which I think will be kept from running into consumption in this climate. This, however, does not affect his work and strength now, and I hope it never will. His address is Lyndon, Osage Co., Kan. I know he would be a valuable addition to our Presbytery.

Longmont must have a man and now is the time. The Congregationalists are dissatisfied with their man, and some who had left our church said if I stayed they would not take their letters, and Curtis, I am sure, would do all possible. Direct to Longmont.

Yours,
Ellis W. Lamb.

New York, Feb. 3, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received your letter some days ago. I am glad to hear such a favorable report, but am sorry to learn that you have floods of rain and mud. But I do not think it can excel New York much in that respect, this winter.

I was up at Union Monday evening and gave them the best speech I had, at their monthly concert. Neither Dr. Kendall nor Dr. Dickson were able to be there, so I had a clear pond to sail in. I made a strong appeal for our vacant fields in Utah, Nevada, etc. I think I will have no trouble in getting a good man for Alta and one for Pioche, and perhaps one for Beaver. Then we will strike for a Presbytery of Utah, take in Pioche and Elko. I want you to find out all you can about Beaver and let me know. Go to Judge H. Hoy. How many people in the town? In the county? What per cent. are Gentiles? What is the prospect for that mining district, etc.? I have not got sufficient data to make a good case of it. I

hope you will urge the Corrinne people to invite Rev. M. Hughes. I talked with Dr. Kendall about it. He says Hughes is a good man and the Board will commission him. I am anxious to fill up our ranks out there. There is quite a missionary spirit in this present seminary class. Dr. Hitchcock told me that if I would go the men personally, I would get all of them that I want. I intend to do so. Tell me more about the Montana fields. I am afraid it will not do to put them in correspondence with the Montana men. I am afraid that outfit up there is not just the kind of furniture that we need, in all respects, for Montana. If we can salt it with two or three good men, I think we can save the whole lump. I am greatly surprised at some of the letters and reports that Russell and Frackelton have written.

I am going to Elizabeth this evening to present Salt Lake in Dr. Robert's church. It is their monthly concert and I am promised a full house. I got into Dr. Leavis's church, Brooklyn, to-morrow evening. I am going to take a run up to Albany and Troy next week for a few days. I think I have a few strings now that will pay to pull. I worked all day yesterday to get at Horace F. Clark, President of U. P. R. R., but found out in the evening that there is no hope from that quarter.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons and friends generally.

Your brother in Christ,
Josiah Welch.

Salt Lake City, Utah,
Feb. 6th, 1873.

Dear Brother Rowmel:

Welch writes me that there is a prospect, that if Brother Frackelton comes east this spring that the Board will not return him to Montana. I have written directly to the Board for information. If I find that they feel that he ought not to leave his field so long, as it will take, or ought not to take the money, which sooner or later must come out of the Board's funds, when he has been there so short a time, then I will try and discourage his coming east this spring. But as I will not hear from them in time to write him before the meeting of Presbytery, in order to save his feelings I write this privately to you, with permission to show it to Brother Crittenden if you think best you may dissuade him from setting his heart too much on coming. As it is probable that the Board feel that when it costs so much to reach a mission field that men should remain more than a year I have suggested in a letter sent to Presbytery that they appoint me Alternate Ministerial Commissioner to the next As-

sembly, so that if the Principal should not go, I could represent Presbytery, as probably I will be there on Home Mission Business. Brother Frackelton would like to go, and personally I would prefer to have him, but if the Board objects to his leaving his field, men are too difficult to obtain to lose one if it can be prevented.

Praying for God's blessing on you all, I remain
Your brother in Christ,
Sheldon Jackson.

New York, Feb. 7, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Brother:

Yours of Jan. 31st is at hand. Enclosed find blank. I wish I had known a blank was necessary. The Board meets next Tuesday, so we cannot come in until the next meeting.

I was over last night in the Westminster church of Elizabeth and had a good full house, with all of Dr. Robert's leading men. The Doctor told me I had hit the nail squarely, and I would get a good return. He also said he would take it on himself to see some of the men, in the course of two weeks, and send me the result.

Dr. Roberts told me to say to you, that he would settle with you for slighting him during your last visit. Tonight I go to Dr. Seaver's church, Brooklyn. I am going to make a strong plea over there. Next Wednesday evening I get a chance at the old Scotch Church. I hope Johnson will be there. I intend to go to Troy and Albany the latter part of next week. Will be gone a week or so. Have written to the principal pastors, asking for a hearing. I am getting "awful cheeky."

I am glad to learn that everything goes well. I wish I could say I would be back in Salt Lake by March 1st. I guess my better plan, and only hope is to persevere.

Remember me to all the friends.

Your brother in Christ,
Josiah Welch.

Colorado,
Evans, Feb. 7, 1873.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Salt Lake City.

Dear Brother:

We are getting along with our church building as fast as possible. We thought we would be ready by the 15th

inst., but we cannot entirely finish up by that time and so have put it off two weeks. This will be the first Sabbath of March. I hope you will be with us at that time. I was not certain when you would be back and so wrote Mr. Lowrie, but have not heard from him. I have written him to-day. Our dedication will not be until the first Sabbath of March. Be sure and arrange to be present on that occasion and hold yourself in readiness to preach the dedicatory sermon. I do not count much that Lowrie will come at that time and he has not written me in time to dedicate on the 16th inst. We can arrange to entertain you and family if you wish to make it a point to stop on your way back to Denver.

We shall be only about \$350 or \$400 in debt at most on the day of dedication. I want to get this amount subscribed payable in September next. If so, I shall get along. It has been pretty hard work, particularly as every last one of those who promised me have gone back on me; at least, they do not write me. I have learned that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. It is a good thing I got that \$500 in Sparta, else I would have been swamped. I am anxious to hear from the Board of Erection. I have not received anything from them yet. Of course I count the \$500 from them in making my estimate.

I hope we shall get through by and by, and we may do some good. Our cause is hopeful and getting established, although at some sacrifice on my part.

I shall hope to hear from you and that you can be with us on the first Sabbath in March. I will send you a corrected list of the Sub. R. M. Pres. and shall see what I can do for you in that line, and will be able to report at time of dedication.

My regards with which Mrs. G. joins to Mrs. J.

Yours in the Gospel,

John F. Stewart.

New York, Feb. 7, 1873.

Dear Brother:

Your favor is at hand. Mrs. Janeway's health, under the circumstances, is far better than I feared it would be at the time I last saw you. She is active about the house, and beyond the cough and a slight pain in the shoulder, free from pain. Still there is a gradual decline of her strength and flesh and appetite. I hope when spring is over she may again rally. So long as she is about the house, she diffuses sunshine by her presence, always cheerful and uncomplaining.

I have to thank you for the regular receipt of your paper. I feel a deep interest in the work of Home Missions in which the Reformed Church is engaged, but I limit my contribu-

tions to the work of D. M. of the same church, which is much restricted. I now have much pleasure in enclosing to your order a check for \$100 to be appropriated at your own discretion, either in part or whole for your own personal use as a servant of the Lord, or in aid of the work at large.

Should any of my sons reach your city, they will not fail, I trust, to visit you.

Yours very truly,
William R. Janeway.

New York City, Feb. 10, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I am getting along very nicely the Doctor says, but very slowly it seems to me, when I have to lie down half the time, and only creep about the house. I have to leave undone more than half the things I want to do. Still I trust I shall not be impatient under the Lord's restraining hand.

One of my first efforts was to write to Mr. Horace F. Clark and plead for a pass for Mr. Welty. I set before him in the strongest terms I could the advantages to accrue, not only to the church, but to the territory and the railroad company, etc. He has not as yet taken any notice of my application, but if I do not hear from him in a day or two, I shall again address him upon the subject. I even suggested to him if he could not give a free pass, he should put one at such a price that it might be within the means of the missionary. I thought our Board could make the purchase. As Mr. Clark is son of a Presbyterian minister, I hoped he would do it at once, but as I have since learned that he spends all his Sundays in railroad business, I have felt more doubtful. I mean to do what I can, and if he does not respond, the thing rests upon him.

I have spoken to several ladies about an advance for the paper and offered to head it with \$10. Money is not easily raised. I once said they would take the paper and send enough for two copies, one to give away. Perhaps this is as much as some can do. When I once get out and can attend to business, I will see what I can do. Try in the meantime to get up some Home Auxiliary Societies, if ever so small. They will grow in time, and encourage us much now.

Yours very truly,
Julia M. Graham.

Wabasha, Minn.,
Feb. 11, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I wrote you in December that Providence seemed to indicate that I should remain here during the winter, but that I would be ready to come to Colorado in the spring, if there should be a place ready for me. As the first of April, when my quarter closes, will soon be here, I write to inquire if you have in your mind any field where you wish me to labor, and if there is an organization, or if it is simply a "station," etc., etc., etc.

Please inform me, too, if we could rent a house or a part of one, and we so find it to make any suggestion that may be useful to us. As before stated, I desire a healthy place, and one not too cold in winter, as we have had all of that we desired and considerably more, for the mercury has been below zero no less than forty-four days last fall, and a number of times near forty degrees.

I have been preaching regularly once a day in spite of the severe weather, and attending to the regular pastoral work, and have been free from the dreaded chills and fever; but as no man can say that the summer will not bring them back again, I desire a healthier climate. If there is no vacant field at present, I can wait for a time, as this church will be glad to have me remain longer,--indeed, expects me to.

With kindest regards and best wishes. I am
Yours in Christ,
W. F. Honeyman.

P. S. Please inform me concerning the salary, and shortly after you write I hope to be enabled to set the time for our departure. If all is well it will be as early in April as we can get away.

W. F. H.

New York,

Little Falls, Feb. 17, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Having written to you in regard to the Home Mission work and the probability that our school would do something in that direction, I consider it proper to let you know what action has been taken. Our church and S.S. School together have appropriated \$250 for the use of a Home Missionary in the Territories. The money is to be placed by Mr. Stowe. Our S.S. School appropriates all its collections to mission work.

Yours fraternally, W. H. Smith.

Colorado,
Pueblo, Feb. 17, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 7th inst. is now before me and I promise to give the R. M. P. all the circulation I can. I believe I am in its debt somewhat and if you will let me know the amount, I will send it to you or hand it in at Presbytery.

My object in writing you is to state a little personal matter, which, if you can aid in, I shall hope to repay some time, and if not, the matter can remain one of confidence between us. A kind friend has let me have money enough to get one of my boys to Iowa where they can go on a farm belonging to their aunt and where they can make their living. If some friend of our Home Missions would help them to an outfit of some clothing and a very little money, the great burden of my heart would be relieved, and I could, with my present means, get them both there.

Enclosed I send you a letter from Mrs. Susan Alexander of New York. She sent my wife a present of thirty dollars. To build our church I was compelled to relinquish \$400 of my salary and two hundred of the remainder is in the arrears. We exhausted ourselves building and can but barely meet expenses for daily bread. If any of our friends could aid in this matter, I would like them to correspond with Mrs. Samuel Gale, Elizabeth, N. J., as she could send anything to my boys that might be prepared for them and could give information as to sizes, etc. If I am asking too much, do not trouble with it further.

With kind regards of myself and family to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in the Gospel,
W. E. Hamilton.

Boulder, Colo., Feb. 20, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Salt Lake City.

Dear Brother:

Your welcome letters have been duly received. Do not think they remain unanswered for want of inclination on my part. Since I saw you at Denver, my time has been so fully occupied with other duties as to exclude letter writing entirely.

Your letter containing information in regard to singing books is at hand. Will write Rev. General at once. Allow me to express to you the sincere thanks of these little churches and of myself also for your kindness.

In regard to the R. M. P., will gladly do all in my

power for it as soon as possible. Have secured a few subscribers. I appreciate, to some extent at least, its great usefulness to our church.

Through your kindness, the good ladies of Doylestown, Pa. (of the Presbyterian Church) have sent me a box of clothing. It has not reached me yet, but the pastor of the church, Rev. S. M. Anderson, wrote me it had been shipped by express to your care at Denver. I sent an order for it and suppose will get it soon. Accept my heart-felt thanks.

Am sorry to inform you Brother Lamb's health has failed to the extent he cannot preach at all. He is still at Longmont. This throws longment on my hands again. I am sorry to leave Boulder on Sabbath evenings. Our interests are gaining ground here rapidly and our largest congregations were in the evenings, but I fear little will be accomplished, against so much opposition, with a morning's service once in two weeks. Many of the best and most intelligent citizens of Boulder, though they have not united with our church, are becoming regular attendants at my services and expressing strong preference for Presbyterianism.

At the close of the week of prayer, the W. E. Minister desired to continue meetings in his church and asked me to assist him, which I did. God graciously owned our labors and I am of opinion much good was accomplished. There were seven conversions and a general awakening of professing Christians. There never was but one conversion in Boulder before, and Christians were so dead spiritually, and the town so full of infidelity in every form, that it was generally supposed there could be nothing accomplished. But God manifested his power and willingness to save souls even in Boulder.

The meeting only closed Feb. 12th, Rev. Warren and myself preaching on alternate evenings and conducting an afternoon prayer meeting. Gradually all professing Christians were drawn into it and to-day all the churches here are in much better working order than ever before. The converts were among Methodists and Congregational families and united with those churches. Instead of "letting down" as I feared I would do before going into the meeting, my members say I improved all the way through and that my last was the best sermon they ever heard from me.

Our cause is prospering well at Caribou and Middle Boulder. Though no additions to the church, yet the citizens tell me I ought to feel greatly encouraged at the moral improvement in both places. The Sabbath is much better observed and there is much less drunkenness. Middle Boulder has no saloon at all now, and instead of the noise and confusion of business and labor of all kinds, all is now quiet and orderly on the Sabbath.

I was called to Valmont to preach a funeral yesterday. Saw Revs. Campbell and Day. Brother Day is about to sell out

and go to Wisconsin to a church that has called him. Hope he will. It will advance Presbyterianism greatly in this county if he will go to preaching again with a clean record. But he told me he had written you in regard to going.

Presbytery is almost at hand and I desire to be ordained, but have not had time to read a word of Church history on which I must yet be examined.

Remember me to your family. With best wishes and prayers for your prosperity, I remain

Your brother,

J. E. Anderson.

Atlantic, Ia., Feb. 21, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 17th came to-day and I shall look with some anxiety to hear from you again next week.

When I informed the Secretaries of the Board that I would have to leave this place and seek a better climate, they sent my name to the Pacific Coast, and Mr. Frazier, the District Missionary there, wants me to go either to California or Nevada. I expect to hear from him in a few days. I think perhaps the climate of California would suit me better than any other. But the way may not be open for me to go there. As yet my way does not appear perfectly plain, but I trust that in the providence of God it soon will be. I want to go where I am needed most and shall have the prospect of accomplishing the most good.

Before taking my family so great a distance,--if I do go to Corinne,--I would like to know some facts about the place, which you have not yet stated. What is its population now? What is the membership of the church and average size of congregations? What other churches are there in the place? What kind of a parsonage do they have? And what will the church and Board together give me? I would like to see a Corinne paper. If you will have the kindness to inform me on these points, it will be a great satisfaction to both Mrs. Hughes and myself.

I am very glad to be able to inform you that our family has lately been increased by the addition of a son now nearly six weeks old.

Hoping to hear from you soon again, I remain as
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Your friend,

M. Hughes.

Belvidere, N. J.,
Feb. 25, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I thank you for so promptly answering my note and sending me the names of the Missionaries I desired. Three of them will have steady religious reading and I hope to interest other friends so that they all shall receive it.

I have not been able to answer your letter earlier, as I am just recovering from a dangerous illness, and in a short time expect to leave home for a journey to the South for my health.

I was much touched by what you wrote me in regard to the dearth of religious reading in the Far West, and was surprised that the two letters of little boy sent would go so far in doing good. Oh that those poor children could enjoy more of the advantages which we regard as indispensable, in the teaching of our children.

I enclose you five dollars (\$5.00) to be used for the same purpose. I should like to send you more, but we have so many calls on every side that we find it impossible to always give large sums. Hoping the Lord will bless this sum in doing good, I remain

Very sincerely your friend in Jesus,
E. A. Blair.

P. S. My mother who is with me sends \$2.00 in addition to help on the good work.

M. A. B.

Idaho Springs, Colorado,
Feb. 25th, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of Feb. 7th is at hand. Have been waiting to get some one to solicit subscriptions, but have not, so I must correct the list and forward same. The crossed names are all moved away but one who has joined the Methodist.

Since we resigned our charge, everything (so far as Presbyterianism is concerned) seems to be in the lurch. Some of the members have moved away, among them is Brother Roberts, so that there is neither elder or minister. Something ought to be done, but I am not able to say what is best. There is not a layman here that seems to take any interest in the cause. Shall we give up the field, or shall we occupy it as missionary ground?

George Rice.

New York City, Feb. 23th, 1877.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I sent a second appeal to Mr. Horace F. Clark and urged his giving the pass to Mr. Wolty, but he has taken no notice of either of my letters. I cannot but think it very ungentlemanly, to say the least, as he knows perfectly well who I am, and that it is a lady who addressed him. I suppose he thinks it is the easiest way to let it go by default and not say no. I am advised not to write to the Vice President, but I have strong thoughts, nevertheless, of trying it. My way is to try everything possible and leave no stone unturned, then I have done all I could, and the rest is with the Lord.

I wish I could say yes to all the suggestions of your letter. Perhaps we may be able to take them up with time. The organs would have to be sent from here, I suppose, and freight tremendous.

I have now been confined to the house over two months; the consequence is that I have not been able to see persons and visit churches as I expected to do, and though I am able to do a little day by day now, the doctor will not let me go out in this snowy atmosphere.

Dr. Callun and his wife from Clinton lunched with me to-day. They are quite anxious that I should visit them and I wish I could. I suppose that Dr. Ellinwood's influence would carry these towns entirely into foreign work. I never heard if you did anything there for the Home field. In a note from Dr. Lowrie this morning he said that New Mexico was given back to the Home Board, all but the Indians. I presume the Home Board would much rather have us pay salaries than give in other ways, however much it might do good, or help the work on, and I believe that many little things are a great help to the work, of which but little account is taken.

Mr. Annin writes most encouragingly. The school has fifty-five pupils in daily attendance and more on the list. Thirty-five at Sunday services. There is to be a wedding in the church. I have sent the papers to many ladies with a request to help raise \$100. As I do not get responses, I send \$10 from myself. \$5 from two other ladies and may get more. I asked them if they did not give otherwise, to send the amount of two subscriptions and let one go as you deemed best. Some promised to do so.

I had a letter from Mr. Frackelton. He seems a live young man. Miss Crittenden had not yet received the money, but he says the school is going on well and they will form a society. I hope you will be able to organize a number for us; if they only give \$5. it is a beginning..

Yours truly, M. Graham.

Pioche, Nevada, February 28, 1873.

We, the undersigned members of Evangelical Churches recognizing the importance of the Church in serving the best interests of new and growing settlements and desiring the privileges of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ for our ^{selves} and this community would earnestly request the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Territorial Missions, and Mr. E. P. Egbert, Minister in charge, to organize us into a Presbyterian Church at their earliest convenience, and we do hereby further agree to procure our letters from the Churches with which we are now connected, and hand them to Mr. Egbert and in all suitable ways will labor for the interest of this Church.

Bozeman, Montana,
Feb.---March 1, 1873.

Our good and kind friend,
Rev. S. Jackson.

Our hearts were made glad a few days since by the receipt, from the ladies concerning whom you had written us, of the three hundred dollars, for which through you we had made application. Your own kind words of cheer and the words and more substantial evidences of sympathy, which through your influence, have been sent us from other kind friends this winter have made plain a path which otherwise might have been all darkness. We feel that God has raised for us the needed aid, and hope and pray for his richest blessing on those who have been led to help us.

Now that the district school is closed, we shall probably have quite an increase of members in our school; and since Presbytery has met and taken our enterprise under supervision, we feel the foundations are beginning to be laid for permanency and trust at last we have done right in coming here, though at first it was hard to realize that we had not made a mistake.

Rest assured, whatever the future shall have in store for us, we shall not forget yourself or our Missionary here (who has stood by and sustained us nobly) or the many who have stretched out a helping hand in the hour of need and darkness. The day of beginnings is not over yet, but surely having been so provided for now, we may trust not to be left in the future.

Gratefully and affectionately your friend,
Mary G. Crittenden.

Love to Mrs. Jackson and the little ones. Daisy's picture is much admired. The little poem was very sweet and hope-inspiring.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 1, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I send enclosed a pass over the B. C. R. & M. Ry. from Burlington to Austin and return. You can fill up the dates and other parts of it to suit yourself as convenience may require.

I have just got a letter from Ellis in which he states that he is worse. He expects to start home in a few days to die. That is the English of it, although he does not quite say so. It is terrible. May God grant us His grace. I have

by this mail sent him a pass over the North Western road from Council Bluffs to Cedar Rapids and directed it in a letter to Denver in the care of Bro. W. Y. Brown. I shall endeavor to have a pass over the U. P. sent to Cheyenne in the care of the station agent at that place for him. If you should be in Denver when he passes through, you will see him. I will not ask you to render him any needful assistance. I need not.

Yours truly,
Isaac Cook.

Montana,
Pioneer, March 3d 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Kind Friend:

Your letter dated Feb. 13th did not reach me until a few days ago. I have thought over the proposition you have made me and concluded to undertake the work. I cannot leave this place until the last of May, as I have agreed to stay until then. By that time I think there will be a very good opening for a select school in Missoula. There is a lady there now teaching the public school, but the term will soon close and she is going east. There is a gentleman there also teaching a select school, but he is so dissipated the people want to get rid of him. The Catholics have purchased a building there and contemplate establishing a school. I think if we get a foothold first it will break up theirs.

I was up to Deer Lodge on Saturday and met Mrs. D. Welch of Missoula there. She thinks I could get up a very good school. She thinks there will be no public school during the summer, as they are short of funds. They are building a new school-house and I think I could rent it for the summer. It will not be completed until about the first of May.

You ask me what wages good teachers are getting in the Territory. In Deer Lodge they are paying Miss Lawrence \$150.00 a month. In Helena they pay from \$125 to \$150 to their female teachers. I have been getting \$100 per month in this place, have but ten pupils. I find that is no better than \$50 per month in Pennsylvania. Boarding is very high. I would be willing to take the school there for the same I am teaching here for.

Mr. Russell was down here two weeks ago and preached for us. Mr. Blackwell (the Methodist minister) comes once a month.

I have organized a Sunday-School and have had to carry it on alone all winter. The children have been quite interested in the work and made considerable progress. They have learned the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments and a good many hymns. I find it difficult to do much alone, but still

am not willing to give it up. I found the children very ignorant. I do not think some of them had ever heard the Lord's Prayer. Mr. R. gave me some singing books, "The Children's Praise," and some papers. I have subscribed for some myself, but not enough to supply all of the children. If you have any extra copies, please send them to me. The children appreciate them so much. I have no library and find it very necessary to give them papers.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Jackson.

Respectfully yours,

Cornelia P. Sims.

Miss Sim's proposition for \$100 per month rather discouraged the ladies of both societies. If she had said, "Secure me \$200 or \$300 towards my support," I think that amount could be raised. I hope she will write again to Mrs. Frederick Townsend Albany, or to Mrs. E. T. Martin, Auburn.

Bozeman, Montana,
March 9th, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter on the back of the one from Mr. Dingee I received last night. I have just replied to that letter and will mail at the same time with this. I did reply to his letter of Dec. 18th which told of the "Box" and enclosure of \$15 for us, the next day after I received it. I told the ladies in that letter of our enterprise and thanked them for their sympathy and aid. I am sorry the letter was lost.

Our Presbytery met on the 21st ult. There were present four ministers and two elders. The elders were Davidson of Hamilton church and Sturgis of Willow Creek, both good men. The weather was unusually stormy during the sessions of the Presbytery, but the interest felt by the people in preaching was truly cheering to us. The snow fell to the depth of one foot or more, and we had high winds, so that the stages were delayed and we had preaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night with increasing interest. Then our brethren Rommel and Russell left us. Brother Frackelton also went down to Gallatin and Willow Creek churches where he now is holding a series of meetings. I suppose he has sent you a Bozeman Courier containing a report of the meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery appointed him commissioner to the General Assembly and Elder Davis of the Hamilton church to go with him. The preaching during the sessions was done by Brother J. R. Russell and Brother Rommel, and was good and instructive. The sermons of

Brother Rommel in particular attracted marked attention. We hope that abiding impressions have been made upon some hearers, though none have come out on the Lord's side openly. I wish I could endure the labor of a "missionary preacher," but I feel that I cannot. I am intending to preach as often as I can while Brother Frackelton is absent, but I dare not ask for a "Commission" for a year from the Board.

The relief which you have been instrumental in sending us has been truly grateful to us, and we think of it as an instance of Christ's care for us through the fellowship of the saints.

The counsellings of the Presbytery were pleasant and a spirit of weakness and Christian love seemed to prevail among the brethren. The resolution in regard to the "Superintendents of Missions" was not one which all the members felt zeal for; indeed it was acquiesced in by the majority, I think, only to gratify the views of two of the members who felt some change to be desirable. If we had our school building as a wing of what it may or ought to be in the future, I would then feel sure of being able to have a full school next fall. We would take care of the girls at home, and receive boys at recitations for a year or two, and then if advisable limit the Academy to females exclusively.

I remain

Your brother in Christ,
L. B. Crittenden.

Deer Lodge, Mon. Mar. 10, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I read your letter asking for letter of dismissal to Presbytery of Colorado before Presbytery of Montana at its last meeting. They directed stated clerk to give you a letter of dismissal after June 1st. The minutes for publication you will find in the Helena Weekly Herald, March 5th.

As for subscribers to R. M. P. in this place, I have not had time since I received your letter to canvass. Mills of the North West told me last summer that he did not exchange and did not expect to. The Independent will exchange. W. A. Clarke is away. Will be back in June. I will send you a list of those who are identified with us.

Mrs. Hortense Pradean (not D'Achene)
T. B. Miller Thos. Aspling
L. J. Sharp W. Egbert Smith
Miss C. P. Sims
J. B. Wilson, Black Fort
William Fly, Gallatin City

Mrs. Childs of Missoula is a Methodist.

"Pioneer" has changed hands and is called Missoulia.
I do not know anything about Mrs. Mary Wyman of Harrisburg,
or R. H. Childs of Stevensville.

Respectfully,
J. R. Russel.

Willow Creek, Montana,
March 10, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

You no doubt think that your letter has gone a long time unanswered, but my sickness through me so much behind that I am scarcely caught up yet. Have been here the past week and have preached every night to crowded houses. Yesterday added to our numbers three males upon profession of faith, two young men about thirty years of age, the other the head of a family. The Spirit of God is working amongst the people and I shall stay here until something seems to demand my attention. The revival here is the strongest that ever came to my knowledge. There is a good attendance upon every service. The faces of the young men show deep earnestness. Those who have come out have gone right to work for the Master and many are inquiring the way of salvation. The interest is deep, no inquiry meetings, no urging, but they are all studying the bible and trying to arrive at the truth by this means.

I send you additional names for R. M. P. Suppose Russel has sent you a copy of the minutes, he promised to do so. Expect to leave for Baltimore about the middle of next month. Future action depends upon the action of the Board of Home Missions in a very great measure. They have scarcely treated me altogether right. I have succeeded in getting the Willow Creek church to agree to give a minister, if stationed with them, his board and room free and also to furnish him a horse for to go and come as he pleases. This, with \$500 from the Board, will pay his way. Hamilton and Gallatin City will do the same. Bozeman will give \$200 in money and they expect to raise \$2000 towards a church for us \$1000 for Mr. Crittenden's school Virginia I do not know how much they can do. We need four men additional. This is the status of the field.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and family,

I am

Your brother in Christ,
E. Frackelton.

On the cars between Denver and Auburn,
March 14, 1873.

Sheidon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have just been to visit my intended and am now on my way to preach to-morrow. I have delayed answering your last letter till I could see Mrs. F (in future) and consult her wishes. But I find her desires so perfectly what mine are that there is no clashing at all. Willing to go anywhere the Lord calls us. So now I am ready to give you encouragement that we will come if it continues to be the pointing of Providence as it looks it is now. So we are desirous to know more in particular concerning some things. The question of boarding or keeping house concerns us, and whether we would have to pay. If she could get a place to teach, that would not be hard or exacting in time. She has quite an idea it would be best to teach for a year or so at least. What would boarding cost per week? What kind of place could she obtain as teacher in Fort Collins? Any place that she could teach three or two hours a day? I am thinking as you say that I should like Fort Collins and so I ask you to tell me more about it, how far from Cheyenne? As I have loaned the Official Statistics you send me, I do not remember whether it is on a railroad or not. Tell me all the things of interest concerning the place. Fort Lyon you mention. The Times speaks of Cannon City as one of the most favorable places, but these are quite far away. At present it seems as if Fort Collins would be the handiest and afterward I can examine other places. Supposing we come out in June, where would it be best to go first?

A good many questions come into my mind, but it seems as if you could anticipate them and answer them by stating the difference between that country and this in cost of living, etc. What it would pay to bring with us, and what we can get as well there.

Excuse my pencil writing. I should have no chance of writing you again till next week and I want to get an answer from you soon.

Fuller, Grant and Sylvanus are talking of Colorado, but whether they will get there is questionable. If I was asked to decide now, I should say Colorado, still something may hinder my getting so far.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Your brother,

D. F. Finks,

Auburn, N. Y.

Canon City, Col. Mar. 15, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letters were all received and their contents duly considered. I hardly think you will see me at Valmont. The cost of going there, at the high rates of fare charged by the D. & R. G. R. R. Co. (there being now no favor shown to the clergy) would be so great that I do not feel as though I could stand it. It is a matter of much regret that I am led by the circumstances of the case, to forego the delight of meeting yourself and the other noble brethren of the Presbytery. You may report to them that we are making all the progress the condition of this field admits of, that we have received some additions and expect by and by to receive others, that the town is striving to advance its own growth and is doing creditable things, that a \$20,000 hotel, a public school-building, an Episcopal Seminary, some brick stores and many dwelling houses are in process of erection, that we are held back from commencing the work of putting up a house of worship, by the fact of there being so little money in circulation in the place as to make the time extremely unpropitious for such an undertaking, that our congregations have averaged about 100 persons during the last quarter, that the Home Missionary Board allow us the grant asked for (\$300) and that the amount pledged for my support on the ground is larger than the sum proposed to be raised. Say that, though we cannot hope to erect a church edifice during the coming season, yet we shall do all we can to raise a fund for the project and are to have a concert for the commencement of such a fund next week. We have no sessional minutes of sufficient importance to report to the Presbytery, aside from what I have stated.

The Dorcas Society, of Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, sent me a box of ready-made clothing which greatly gladdened my heart. Miss Anna F. Mussey, Secretary of the Society, sent me a letter dated Feb. 11th, with an enclosure of five dollars to pay balance of express charges and with explanation of the gift. You, my dear brother, have claims on me for the most fervent gratitude for the part you bore in the matter. Not only myself, but also my wife, will always remember your kindness with feelings of tenderness and respect. Such bestowments cause one to ascribe praise to God for having raised up persons whose impulses and efforts are so noble. I hope to have you visit us and spend a Sabbath either in this month or in the next. When you come I will endeavor to collect more or less money in behalf of the Rocky Mt. Presbyterian which by the way is a paper deserving the commendation and aid of our ministers. The hymn-books have not yet come up from Pueblo. I told Brother Brewster who is employed in the office there, to look after them. On their arrival I will as soon as possible take a collection to meet the charges on box and will

send to you the \$6 you paid, or will have it for you when you visit me. My wife has just closed the winter term of the Public School, in which she has been the principal teacher, receiving \$85 per month. She has been requested to teach a select school during the spring and summer. She sends her regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours ever faithfully,
J. D. Bell.

Denver, Colorado, Mar. 25, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Sir:

It affords me great pleasure to forward to you the action of our Board of Trustees taken this date, as follows:-

"The Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, 17th Street, Denver, having examined the accounts of Rev. Sheldon Jackson with this Church and ascertaining that he has secured donations towards our building to the amount of \$1137. which sum has been paid, would take this occasion to give him the thanks of the Board for his assistance, and do hereby direct the incorporation of his action in the minutes of this body and that a copy properly signed be sent to Mr. Jackson.

With great respect,

I am respectfully yours,

H. K. Steele, Secretary
Board Trustees Presbyterian Church,
17th St., Denver.

Bozeman, March 31, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 20th ultimo just received. It was my intention to have left here to-morrow, but God seems to have ordered it otherwise. For there has been during the past week several professions of faith in Christ in this Church and as they are anxious to unite with the Church ere I leave for the east, it seems that duty requires my remaining during this week. Therefore I will not possibly be able to leave Corinne for the east before the 14th or 15th of April.

All that are coming into the church are adults. Willow Creek church has raised \$1115.00 for a church building and they will probably raise it up to 1200.00. They will need about \$700 or \$750 more in order to build it. The work is still in progress at Willow Creek. Several men have made profession since the close of the meeting. We need more men sadly. My strength has given way so that unless I can get some

rest it is very doubtful whether I will be able to stand up under the labor. When I go east I wish to stay two or three months and rest up. The doctors tell me I need it. My nerves are unstrung to that degree that I can scarcely write or sleep. Commencing so soon after my sick spell has been somewhat injurious to me physically. Things seem to be brightening very much and better days seem to be dawning upon Montana spiritually speaking. Mr. C's school is beginning to prosper. I would like much to see you as I go east. As for specimens, I have not even had time to gather any for myself. Ever since I have been here it has been work day and night. There are two places where churches could be advantageously organized, but knowing the field as well as I do it is better to leave them until more help comes from the east. The resolution of Presbytery which you refer to can be better explained in "propria persona" than by pen and paper. The action was prayerfully taken, and am sorry you were not here during the session. There have been some grievous mistakes made in the organization of Montana churches. Deer Lodge has no ruling elder nor can I see how it is possible for them to admit a single member to their communion. The Missoula elder has been in this valley a good part of the winter. Gallatin City was, as far as human sight can see, a very sad, sad mistake. All of this can be better explained when I see you. Russell feels terribly about Helena. The urging of the people to raise funds so strenuously by letters to the elders has hindered the work somewhat. The way taken upon this district during the last year is now beginning to bear fruit. Willow Creek church is willing to board her pastor and give him a horse free to ride whenever he wants it, also a separate room where he can feel himself at home. Hamilton will do the same in connection with Gallatin City. Dozeman will raise \$200 in money, besides they are trying to raise money for other purposes; but all this can be better talked over when we meet. I have run behind so far that my only trust lies in God to help us out of my difficulties.

Please send the P. M. Pres. to the following names if you have not already them on your books:-

- Harrison F. O., Madison Co., March.		
A. W. Paul,	Mrs. D. E. Young,	A. Ditchie,
H. M. Wallace,	W. W. Webb,	Mrs. L. P. Gog,
John Deans,	C. V. Loke,	Horatio Harser,
Henry Warner,	J. Boyer,	A. Mason.

Will write you again before I leave and let you know regarding the progress of the work in Dozeman. Many thanks for Mrs. Martin's letter and for your many kindnesses also.

With very kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and family, I am

Your brother in Christ,

Will S. Frackelton.

Will send you a copy of narrative if you wish.

New York, April 1st, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Reverend and dear Sir:

The Board of Home Missions beg leave to forward a statement of Home Missionary Disbursements in the bounds of your Presbyteries during our last fiscal year.

2. Also a copy of our Annual Report showing the amounts contributed to the Board by the churches during the same time.

3. In the light of the above facts we trust the amounts applied for this spring year may be made with care, and as a wise economy of use and means is most necessary, we send again our appeal for the union of feeble neighboring congregations as far as practicable and wise.

We also forward Rules for the use of Presbyteries and churches applying for aid from our Board, and would call especial attention to the new rule therein contained, adopted by the last General Assembly and alike applicable in the case of the Board of Home Missions, Sustentation and Church Extension.

Will you please place these papers before the respective Presbyteries at their next regular meetings.

For the Board

Yours truly,

H. Kendall)
C. Dickson) Secretaries.

Colorado,

Fairplay, April 24, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We feel greatly obliged for the contribution we have received, for we feel that you are the means of our receiving so much. Received \$40 from Chicago which came just in time to pay our rent. A letter just received from Lebanon, Pa., from whom we received S. S. Library. They actually beg of us to allow them to send us a box, mentioning to them books for private study and everything we need. Are we entitled to receive so much as two boxes? An arranging for church as fast as possible. Hope that when we dedicate it, you and Mrs. Jackson will both come up without fail. Will a majority of the trustees signing that note be sufficient? Only two are here of the five. But we think as two are likely to be away, we can elect in their places. Feeling grateful for your sympathy and aid, I am

Your brother in Christ,

D. E. Finks.

Atlantic, Ia., April 9, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Friend:

The Board declines sending me to Corinne. They want me to go to Santa Fe to take the place of Mr. McFarland who is about to leave. As the climate there is represented to me as the most healthful on the Continent, I am willing to go. From my own experience I do not think Corinne just the place for me. I will start soon to my new field, and will pass through Denver. Will see you if at home.

I hope you will find a good man for Corinne.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Your friend,

M. Hughes.

New Brunswick, New Jersey,
April 23, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Col.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a check for fifty dollars which you will please use for such charities as you think best.

We have heard with great pleasure of the great blessings our Heavenly Father is granting to your city and are praying that the work may go on. Many portions of our loved country have been visited with like blessings, for which we have great reason for thankfulness. While neither our own church nor city have been refreshed, yet we hear good news from Plainfield and Rahway and other places not far away in our own state.

May the great work continue and may all the Christians of our land realize more fully the extent of our privileges, is one of the prayers of your brother.

Frank L. Janeway.

Marion, Iowa, April 9th, 1873.

Dear Sheldon:

I received your very kind letter last week in due time. I am still living at home, comfortably, and comparatively free from pain. Sometimes I feel as if I was

nearly to my rest, and I suppose I am.

What a quick collector you are. I am very much obliged to you for the collection of that debt, and hope the papers you sent out will increase your circulation permanently. I send herewith a receipt which I think will satisfy both you and Brother Anderson. I hope the revival reported in Denver is a real work of the Spirit of God.

God bless you and your family in your work. As long as I live the warmest part of my heart is reserved for you and yours. I have the kindest letters from every one. Give my love to all the brethren of the Presbytery.

Yours,

Ellis S. Lamb.

Montana,

Helena, April 20, 1875.

Dear Brother:

Yours of Feb. 13th was duly received and should have received an earlier reply, but it was forgotten in the press of mail matter which came after the delay caused by the "epidemic" which has been held over us as a scourge against all refractoriness. It is reported that the mail bags were allowed along the route, a great exaggeration of course, but having some foundation. The mails are now received with more regularity.

Brother Russell has not visited Missoula for some time. He has been requested to go there and preach and is fully alive to its importance as a preaching station. He hoped to visit there once a month. It will be impossible for him to do this unless his travelling expenses are paid (the people pay in something towards this). But we are compelled to pay full fare through the conduct of others. My only visit to Padersburg cost \$12.00, expenses to Bozeman and return \$30 or \$40. Brother Russell's still more of course. It will not do for ministers to get the name of not paying their debts, and one will exercise a far greater influence for good if he remain quietly in one place and keep out of debt, than travel about under the enormous expense of coach riding. Bro. Frackelton had (or had when we were at the Presbytery) not been to Virginia City for some months and I fear that our people there think that they have been deserted.

A gentleman from Dannah called upon me lately and requested me to come down and preach there and that a man should be sent to occupy that field, as there would be an easily accessible circuit.

I ought to spend a few days in Jefferson. The mines in that vicinity are promising and it bids fair to be an important camp. Preaching services are held there once a month by a southern Methodist preacher.

At our last communion four were received by letter. Your list of subscribers to the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian is correct so far as it goes. I would like to add a few more who already are identified with us or we hope will be.

Chicken stealing is the chief excitement and the "Vigilantes" are reported as "considering."

Mr. Cornell and family have left Helena for Salt Lake. The old gentleman attended our services occasionally and said that he was a Presbyterian,--whether in joke or not I don't know. His son is in the paper heading business in Salt Lake and it might be well to call and see him. The old gentleman is peculiar. It has been proposed to erect the church on the west side of the gulch, on a portion of Mr. Walker's lumber yard, near the fine large two story brick house of Mr. Lehman. The chief objection is, that it is too far one side, though the tendency of improvement is on this side. It is a fifteen minutes' walk from Rodney Street and more than that returning, because of the hills. What do you think of it? The residents on the west side are anxious for us to build here, of course mainly from interested motives. They will give more provided it is built on Mr. Walker's lot, which will in that event be donated to the church.

I hesitate between Helena and the claims of outside. Here there is so much preaching and Paderst for instance has none and a congregation from fifty to a hundred persons could be gathered there.

The people are very critical and exacting and demand the very best, as they ought to have, that one can do; this requires constant preparation all the week and prevents extraneous labor, or much visiting.

Kind regards to all friends.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Rommel.

Evanston, Wyoming Territory,
April 10th, 1873.

My Friend:

Yesterday I received your letter of the 7th, and to-day that of the 8th.

I am not dissatisfied with the arrangements you have succeeded in making. Not feeling sure that you would get a man so soon, I had however reconciled myself to the thought of remaining here until the 2d or 3d of July. I cannot now leave Evanston until next week, for I make an appointment last Sabbath for the coming Sabbath, and I could not properly attend to some other business necessary, and also pack up and box up in so short a time; doubtless it will be best for me to wait and

see you here on Wednesday, and then I can go on Thursday. I shall act upon your suggestion and will go where you have mentioned: but could I not receive pay from the Board as I do here, or at least half as much? I presume they will allow me for the half month of April which I will have remained here? Please secure me a half fare permit from Cheyenne to Denver, and also upon any other road that I may have to travel from there.

I direct this to Cheyenne, supposing it would not reach you at Denver in time. I will meet you at the Evanston depot.

Your friend,
Frederick B. Welty.

Golden, Colo., April 10, 1873.

Dear Brother:

I do not think I can be over to the meeting of the Presbytery and will give you an idea or two in regard to our success at Black Hawk. We,--that is,--Prother Wells and I spent most of Monday afternoon in interviewing the session separately and also one or two others in the congregation before the regular meeting of the session. We found some bad blood in the system, but I hope the symptoms have assumed a better phase.

In regard to the anomaly of retaining a congregational minister, and that too in an irregular way, the fact was reluctantly admitted by part of the session. After stating the situation and the probable result, it was decided that if they must, they must, and we were assured that the ministrations of Mr. Jerome should cease at once. Thus far we had good success.

As to the admission of a noted Universalist at the communion table, it appears that this man applied to Mr. Jerome first in regard to the matter, which he referred to the session. After the regular meeting they agreed informally to allow him to sit down with them at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This was not done by a vote, but by common consent, Mr. Meade being absent.

In regard to the baptism of children whose parents made no pretension to religion, it was claimed by part of the session that at least one of the mothers professed to be a Lutheran. In regard to the other, some doubts expressed. There was no evidence, it appears, that either of the parents had recent connections with any church, and except the statement of this woman, no proof of the fact. On the other hand, it was alleged by Mr. Meade that the families were noted for indifference to religion, etc. Those of the session concerned in the act excuse themselves on the ground that the mothers

claimed to be Lutherans.

In regard to the omission of the covenant, etc., on receiving members, no point could be raised, inasmuch as they were admitted on profession of faith by the church session,

and no public form is required in addition to this. A meeting of the session was not moderated by a regular minister, but this might come under the exceptions mentioned in the Book. There seemed to be a disposition to work together amicably when we closed our session and I hope for good results if they can be united on some minister. These are the facts in the case and we gave them as good advice as we could in regard to all the points raised.

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Very truly

Your brother in Christ,

R. L. Stewart.

I write this in great haste.

Territory of Colorado,
Jefferson County.

To all whom it may concern:

We the undersigned, Simon Cort, Chester C. Carpenter and S. O. Patterson, do by these presents and in conformity with the act of the legislature of the Territory of Colorado, passed August 13th, 1862, entitled "An act to invest religious societies with certain powers of bodies Corporate" associate ourselves together and form a body politic and corporate

And do hereby certify:

1st. That the Corporate name of the Society is "The Bethany Presbyterian Church of Arvada."

2nd. That the object of said corporation is to build, construct and maintain a church edifice to promote religious worship in conformity with the usages of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, whose Assembly meets in Baltimore, Md., May 15th, 1873.

3rd. That the business of said corporation shall be conducted and carried on in Jefferson County and territory of Colorado in connection with the Presbytery of Colorado, Synod of Colorado and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America.

4th. That the said corporation shall commence on the first day of April, A. D. 1873, and the duration thereof shall be perpetual.

5th. That the number of Trustees of said corporation shall be five, who shall manage the concerns of said corporation for one, two or three years, or until their successors

are elected, whose names are the following: Louis A. Reno, Albert Wolff, D. T. Cort, F. F. Wadsworth, and William J. McKay.

6th. One-third of the Trustees shall be elected at each annual meeting to hold office for three years.

In witness whereof, we hereto subscribe our names this 14th day of April, A. D. 1873.

Simon Cort
Chester Carpenter
E. O. Patterson.

Territory of Colorado,
Jefferson County.)

So it is remembered that on this 14th day of April, A. D. 1873, before me Joseph Mann, Probate Judge in and for the said County, personally appeared Simon Cort, Chester C. Carpenter and E. O. Patterson, personally known to me to be the identical persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged the execution of the same to be their voluntary act and deed, for the purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand
and official seal the date
last above mentioned,
Joseph Mann,
Probate Judge.

New York,
Cachovina, April 15th, 1873.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter. You have made a mistake about our missionary, her name is Miss Flint and she went out with Mr. Roberts to Taos, New Mexico. A hundred dols. of her salary we have agreed to raise. In Montana we expect to give a small sum toward the little church at Bozeman to which we have sent the communion service. The minister, Mr. Frackelton, whose letter in your paper first attracted me to his work, I have written to several times. He writes a most interesting letter and is a live man, just the one I should judge for the place I am trying to get our people interested in the church. There are enough of the societies to help the Christians in their good work. I think we can only raise a small sum, but do you not think we had better become interested in the church? Perhaps we could then we have become settled in a building and have preachings and the S. S. Library. Mr.

Frackelton writes me he is to be near us and will come over to Caznovia. Our people, particularly some of the young members of the church, feel interested because they helped get the communion set. It is a tangible thing for them to unite their efforts upon, and I told Mrs. Martin when she was here we would try and raise a sum for Mr. Frackelton's little church at Bozeman, to which our communion service has gone. In answering his last letter I wrote him he must give us another letter in your "good paper." I enjoy it much. It is a voice from afar. I thank you for finding some one to whom our box can go. Will you write us as soon as you can conveniently about the persons who need the box. We can send a nice box of sheets, etc., etc., for housekeeping. Be particular about size, age, etc., of both man and wife.

E. W. Ten Eyck,
President of W. M. S.

Montana,
Pioneer, April 21, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your kind letter of March 12th came duly to hand. I would have answered it sooner, but have been waiting to hear from Mrs. Martin. She has not as yet written to me. My school closes here this week. I expect to go to Missoula. They are not going to have any public school there during the summer. The School Board have offered me the new school house for six months. I expect to open about the middle of May. As I have not heard from the Ladies Board of Missions, I do not know what arrangements to make.

I want to send a notice to the Missoula paper before I go down, but as yet am ignorant of what kind of a notice to send. If the school is to be a sectarian school, I should have it so understood before I undertake it. I expected to teach in Pioneer a month longer, but the funds are exhausted.

If you write me before the middle of May, please direct to Deer Lodge.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson and family.

Respectfully yours,
Cornelius F. Sims.

Colorado Springs, Colorado,
April 22, 1873.

Dear Brother:

Can you arrange it to spend a Sabbath with me some time soon? If you are crowded for time, however, I

would be satisfied with a weekday, on your trip to or from Pueblo, as we will go there soon to the installation.

You know we still have a debt of \$600.00 and the church are \$400.00 behind to me, and the longer it runs the heavier the debt grows on the house and the less the probability of my salary being paid. I had rather go without my salary than to have to collect it, or "dun" for it. You could aid the church greatly by a weekday visit, or still more by a Sabbath, though I will not urge that.

Yours unfavorably, as I am sick,
H. B. Cagg.

Auburn Theological Seminary,
April 26, 1873.

Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I am expecting a letter about this time from you, but can hardly wait longer before I communicate with you. Have been to New York and have seen Dr. Kendall. I bought one ticket to Chicago from there. He also gave me money for expenses through and \$150 on account. So now I shall look to you for those half fare tickets from Chicago.

Dr. Kendall thinks I had better ship my goods soon, but I hardly want to till I hear from you again, telling where to ship to and how to do it the cheapest. Dr. Kendall thinks I ought not to consider myself bound to go to one place, since I might not like them or they me. So where shall I first stop and meet you? I have my books and a cabinet organ I think of sending off next week to Creeley.

Everything seems to be favorable thus far and I hope and pray it may be even more so when we arrive on the field, that we may be successful in our precious work for the Master.

Yours in brotherly love,
D. E. Finks.

I am very desirous of getting my tickets via Northwestern P. R., as we wish to stop with an aunt.

New York, April 26, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We have appointed Finks and Robb and Sylvanus from Auburn Seminary for Colorado. But we have written Sylvanus that we wish he would go back to his original purpose, which was to go to Iowa, that Colorado is better supplied than Iowa is.

If either of these young men were just right we should counsel putting one of them at Cheyenne. We have counseled Brother Kephart to leave and we wish to supply his place as soon as may be with a young man. But neither of these is quite what we want. Finks is fair and pleasant. Sylvanus a good strong Welshman, well spoken of, but not prepossessing in appearance, and Robb, spoken highly of by the professors, is feeble, is a dyspeptic, and I hope will build up in your climate.

I do not think we shall get to California or New Mexico after all this summer. The Horse Disease is in California and we saw enough of that last fall and winter. Many thinks to you however in trying to plan for us. Give much love to Mrs. J. and the little girls.

Yesterday was our Silver Wedding anniversary, a sad one to us, on account of so many children gone before; but our friends, some of them, and your friends among them, beguiled Mrs. K. up town and took possession of our room and left mantel clock, silver ice pitcher and goblets and splendid bouquets, etc., and then called in the evening. Did you attend Presbytery at Laramie?

Yours,

H. Kendall.

Golden City, Colorado,
April 28th, 1873.

My Friend:

To-day I received a check for \$150.00 for my work until April 1st. I prepared for them a report for my work during April at Evanston and will mail it to-morrow. I would be much obliged if you could secure from the Board what would have been due to me for all of April, and if they remit it to me, I will divide with Mr. Cooper and will send him one-half of the amount. Mr. Smith continues about as he has been. Mr. Mitchell, whom he had expected to be here on yesterday, did not get here. We, however, administered the Sacrament of our Lord's Supper. Two children were baptised and their parents were also received into the church.

My box of books arrived at Golden, after all that I had tried to do to prevent it, and will thus cost me about five dollars, all told, of needless expense.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs. Jackson and the children.
Good night.

Your friend,

Frederick B. Welty.

New York, April 20, 1873.

Rev. Shelton Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Enclosed find our check #703 on American Exchange National Bank, New York, for \$25 special "For Mission Chapel near Arvada," Colorado Territory, from Philadelphia Oxford church, Rev. R. L. Robbins, pastor.

Also check #704 for \$63.10 from Nottingham church, Ohio, Rev. T. P. Crawford, pastor, for church at Fort Collins, Colorado Territory.

We would have sent this money sooner, but thought some other sums might be sent in and we could send the whole together. Please send us receipts, and oblige

Very truly,

E. F. Wilson.

 Auburn, N. Y., Drawer 50,
 April 30th, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of 23d is received. Since receiving it I have persuaded my betrothed to start with me the last of May or first of June. We will go in company with Mr. and Mrs. Finks.

Your arrangements for half fare will take us through Omaha. If it were possible to go to Denver through Kansas City, I would like it much, as my parents reside near that place and I could visit them. One or two days near Galena, Ill., and the same at Bathurst, would be all the time I would ask for visiting. If you can arrange half fare for me over that route, please let me know at once, and also any discounts on sending freight.

Please reply at once, and greatly oblige

Your friend and brother,

E. F. Robb.

 On the cars at Chicago,
 April 29th, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I suppose by this time you are well on your way back to Colorado. I had a delightful visit at my brother's and feel greatly stimulated by my contact with him. I think on my return I can improve greatly in my work from some hints I have received. I preached twice for him on the

Sabbath, as you predicted.

I received yesterday Mr. Van Doren's account of the money matters of the church. I tried to get it out of him before I left, but had no idea it was so bad.

Viz: Original Cost -----	\$ 10,543.00
Cash and Labor Received -----	3,315.45
	<u>\$ 6,627.55</u>

To which add Outstanding Bills -----	500.00
Interest due May 27th -----	500.00
Total debt -----	<u>\$ 7,787.55</u>
Subscriptions still good -----	500.00
Wholly unprovided for -----	<u>\$ 7,287.55</u>

I gave Van credit for being a better financier. He has managed the whole thing. I must say I had no idea things were in such a bad state. The difficulty to be solved insurmountable. What kind of a plea can I make? You see if I succeed in raising even \$2000. I have no guarantee but that all that I raise will be lost. For if the church should not succeed in meeting the balance, the interest would soon eat up everything. And of course to have obtained money for a losing enterprise will be no very enviable position for me.

Do your best to discourage every church you have any influence over from incurring obligations they do not know they can meet. Take warning by my sad fate. Let my bleached bones glistening in the sands of the barren desert, admonish you. I have been decoyed into the regions of "No-deer" (the place of no pasture). Direct to the Assembly.

Yours on the Forlorn Hope,

J. G. Lowrie.

Love to Mrs. Jackson and the little ones. Arrived home safely.

New York, May 1st, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have written you of Robert Finks and Sylvanus for Colorado. Since writing and on reflection we are persuaded of three things.

First. Colorado is much better supplied with ministers than Kansas or Iowa.

Second. It is much more easy to supply it than those states with invalids who are sure to go there for their health.

Third. Missionary work in Colorado is much more expensive than in those states.

Hence we are trying to dissuade Sylvanus from going there, especially since you have encouraged him to go to Black Hawk. We are not prepared to help Black Hawk any more. If it

can take care of itself, then we have no more to say. But if it could not be content to have Lowrie, if the vice and unite with Central, we must pause and consider before we send another man there or make another grant.

Moreover, where are you going to put Fobb? He says he has no intimation where he is going and yet he is to take his wife along. Like two children, they take hold of hands and march out into the wide unknown, depending on us to take care of them. As for Finas, we consider him as good as settled at Fort Collins. But Fobb, with his new wife, must not be dumped down by the cars at some water station on the wide prairie. He must have a place to go, a place to put his bride.

Now, please write us and tell us all about this, and where you will put these men. We do not say we will not send Sylvester, but we are quite disposed to counsel him to stop short of Colorado, and so we shall continue to advise until we hear from you, unless we hear will be as good as possible.

We have fallen off 150 missionaries in a year.

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

Boulder, Col., May 7th, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Can you come to Boulder and spend Sabbath, May 18th, with us? If you can by any means do so, we will be under lasting obligations to you. I desire you to come up and hold a communion service. At our six persons converted in our union meetings, four and persons five will unite with my church. I have appointed a communion service for the 13th proximo, with preparatory service on Friday and Saturday evenings preceding. The persons uniting are adults and some of them to be baptized. I am very anxious you should come and administer these ordinances and preach for me on that occasion. As these are the first additions to our little church, I prefer delivering the charge to the newly admitted members, and also to the church. I might exchange with Brother Brown. He kindly offered to do so, but as this is the first communion of this church, I am unwilling to be absent. In fact, I deem it important for me to be present on this occasion. Could if you possibly can. If not, try and get one of the Denver pastors to come. I do not think it near so important to have the Central church supplied on that Sabbath as this. Write me at once. I desire whoever comes they do preach; if the one coming prefers me to preach, let me know. If none of you come, I will get Rev. Campbell to administer the sacraments and attend to the rest myself. I do not think it best for me to leave my mountain churches next Sunday and go to Central, and

sent Central word to that effect.

Send a copy of the E. M. P. to Dr. Eock. I will give you what I have collected for the paper if you come.

Hoping to see you on 17th proximo, I am

Your brother in Christ,
J. E. Anderson.

Central City, Colorado,
May 8th 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 6th inst. is just at hand. I also received one from Mr. Day saying he would be up to preach for us on Sunday, the 11th inst. And in that case if you could postpone your visit until the 13th inst., it would suit us better. I do not know but it would suit Mr. Day just as well to come then, but I could not get him word before he would get started for Central. We have now been without preaching two Sabbaths and are very glad of the prospect of having the church opened again for services. The Congregationalists have invited a young man from New England, who is now here to supply them, and expects to have regular preaching for a time. And it does not seem to be just the thing for our church to be without services. I wrote immediately on receipt of yours, hoping to get it into the mail to-day, but the mail was late getting in and I did not get to it in time.

The new Presbyterian minister has arrived in Black Hawk. I have not seen him and know nothing of the probabilities of his giving satisfaction. I hope he may, however.

I have not heard from Lowrie since he left. I hope he will be able to do something for us in the way of money matters. If he does not we will be ruined. There are some things that must be met in a few weeks and our people are not able to do any more, of these that are don't seem disposed to. I feel much discouraged in regard to the matter. It seems to me we have failed to get anything from every source from which we had reason to and did expect it. And had it not been for a few little sums from sources not looked for, I do not know what we would have done; but still we are badly off. We still try to keep our faith up, but it is hard to hope against hope.

Affectionately yours,

A. J. Van Doren.

as with me. I expect to be married on the 13th of June and
 about that afternoon. To make a brief story with friends
 of the lady's in Canada, and with mine in Illinois and Man-
 sas, so could not now positively ascertain to meet you in Topo-
 ka before the 16th or 17th of June. May be able to make it by
 the middle of the week preceding, but could not now be certain.
 If either of those dates, 16th or 17th, will suit you, please
 let me know and I will conform to it (C. V.)

I have been told that you cannot get a stop over ticket
 when travelling on half fare. Do you know whether such is
 the case? If so, it would prevent my stopping in Illinois.
 My father's address is Princeton, Franklin Co., Kansas, though
 a telegram would be sent to or from Olsburg, which is their
 principal trading point. (H. V. Robb in name as.)

If you can give me any information in regard to the
 mines, as to size, age, business, etc., it would be agreeable
 to friends here. I shall be satisfied if it be only health-
 ful, in growing country and not already owned by other denom-
 inations. Are they at work upon the road west from Sargent?
 Last week I sent a box of books to Crowley, in company with
 several boxes which Mr. Fink has sent. If you should be
 there soon, you might order them forwarded to Lee A. Will
 ship another box to Lee A. this week. Will be very glad in-
 deed to have your company from Topoka. As you expect to meet
 me here, I presume it will be unnecessary for me to write to
 Mr. Poulton. Will expect to hear from you at least once more
 before starting.

Your brother in Christ,
 C. V. Robb.

Willow Creek, May 15, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 Editor of Rocky Mountain Presbyterian,

Dear Sir:

Allow me to correct an error in your issue for May
 just received. There has been raised by subscription be-
 lieve eleven and twelve hundred dollars for a Presbyterian
 church at Willow Creek, Montana. The increase in membership
 during a series of meetings held by Rev. W. C. Brockstedt at
 this place was three.

Yours very truly,
 Puling Elder of Pres. Church,
 Willow Creek, Montana.

Golden, Colorado,
May 15, 1973.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have just returned from Fort Collins, after spending over a week there, and preaching on the Sabbath. I have secured four lots worth \$300, from the Colony, very beautifully situated, and will arrangements to put up a temporary building, 30 x 30, afterwards to be used as a parsonage, for the church to occupy till our stone edifice is completed. The lumber is purchased and gratuitous labor secured to put it up. We expected to occupy it on the 25th of May, but our hope of this is not a harmonious, working body, and we are all disappointed. I am anxious to have someone on the ground all the time. What news have you from the young brother from Vermont? Please let me know as soon as you can. It is very important he remain on the ground at once. An excellent looking elder from Harlem, N. Y., has settled here. He has taken hold and is just the right man in the right place. A good deal of building is going on and much is expected in Fort Collins.

Please let me hear from you at once.

Yours,

D. G. Thompson.

Golden, Colorado,
May 16th, 1973.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I am receiving a paper for which I have not paid. Please find me dollar for the same.

Mrs. Loveland called on me this morning and said that Mr. Day told her that there was a minister that you thought could be secured for us in Golden, provided Brother Smith should resign. Mrs. Loveland requested me to drop you a line and request you to come up to Golden and consult with Brother Smith and the rest of us and see what had better be done under the circumstances. There is no probability of Brother Smith ever being any better, and especially he will not be able to preach in a long time if ever, but none here like to say so to him, but feel as if he should be relieved of any care of the church and that a proper minister be obtained as soon as practicable. You could talk the matter over with Brother Smith with perfect freedom. Mrs. Loveland and others express an earnest desire that something should be done soon, as they feel that we are losing ground under the present arrangement. All deeply sympathize with Brother Smith and regret that his in-

care appear to be drawing to a close.

Your early attention is respectfully solicited.

Yours very respectfully,

W. E. Smith.

Pueblo, May 18, 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Mr. Lester says he thinks your book of plans is at Colorado Springs. I think it is also, as I cannot find it here and have some faint recollection of Gage sending for it.

I thank you for your kind mention of Denver - rather Pueblo. I was up the road a short time since and heard so many unkind remarks respecting it. I did not know that it could ever get the reputation of growing. We are still very far from being as large as your beautiful city, only thirty-five hundred inhabitants, and but of that number not more than two two hundred praying hearts to save it from the doom of Sodom. What a margin for our faith!

I received an appeal from Silver City and replied that we would send them a man, doubtless, if they would be satisfied with one denomination, but if they desired to have all the "sects" represented I should be retaining towards forming one of them. The person remarked he thought they would be satisfied with a good Presbyterian minister.

Be here if possible on the first Sabbath of June. We are sort of waiting for you to baptize our little one.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Yours in the Gospel,

W. E. Hamilton.

Wednesday morning,
Pueblo.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We had a good day last sabbath. I offered my resignation which was accepted subject to the action of Presbytery. I start, D. V., to-morrow. Will you be so kind as to get me a half fare ticket from Denver to Cheyenne, if possible, for self and family? I think I will spend Friday in Denver, so as to see the committee.

Yours truly,

W. E. Hamilton.

New York, May 13, 1877.

My dear friend:

I fear that you will think we are delinquent, in allowing your last letter to remain so long unanswered, but so many things crowd upon us that while I am endeavoring to attend to these, I have to leave letters on one side, and yet I do not suppose it will seem as if I had attended to yours, when I have not been successful in raising the amount for the students as you suggested. We had not the money in the treasury, we had not one that was not specified by the donor for some particular purpose. I brought it up before our Board, but the ladies objected to a special call coming often, as it was in that way we raised the fund for Miss Crittenden, and privately, I was not very well received. The Lord only prospers us, at every future day I hope to do some myself; but we have not so many to provide for, and indeed upon a general level we are not been coming in so well. But the Lord knows all. But if we can say, we have done what we could, it is all right. May we do only what is right in his sight.

Were you ever a classmate to Horace W. Clarke? He has now gone on his first trip over the U. S. R. R. I met his only sister to-day and told her how he had treated my application about a pass from Laramie to Ogden. She said a letter would come all at Ogden and she would write him at once upon the subject. I do not know that it will do any good, but she will be the best advocate, as he though not a Christian himself, has great confidence in her prayers. She asked me if you had been a classmate with her brother, but I think he is many years your senior. She said he did give a pass, though very reluctantly, + one, for the railway is so near us all passes. I told her he could put his hand in his pocket and pay for a commutation ticket and board it. We will see the result. Perhaps in going out as far as Ogden, we may have a revelation as to what is needed.

I have a great mind to re-publish in our May number the news in some instances of Mrs. Bell. I wish she would send us an original copy on the subject, that has not been printed.

I see you have given place to the appeal for Siden in your Rocky Mountain. The Philadelphia Society is more fortunate than we are in raising money. The Foreign Secretaries are always telling us, if it were not for our basis of Home and Foreign, we might have had the whole state of New Jersey with us, but they would not unite with the Home work. I am quite surprised, from what Dr. Dickran told me, that we have not had more auxiliaries from your mission work with us, but we have only had one. Do you see any prospect of helping us in that way? The Philadelphia Society has appointed a Vice President at Syracuse. This can only have for its object to

lead her to work up our side and get it over with. It is most unkind and ungenerous. If you can invite anyone for us to write to us in the subject, please give the names. We are doing our best in both fields. If we only had more help. We have not done an appeal for Japan which I send you.

I am very glad that Mr. Hughes is going to Santa Fe. I do hope that it will be a new era for the church there. I have a very encouraging letter from Mr. Roberts today. Says he has moved and thinks the Lord has directed it for the best, so many are coming in to help him, and that he opened a school by last and everything looks very fair.

Our church at Las Vegas is all but finished and I trust is to be instrumental in doing a good work. My heart is very deeply interested in New Mexico.

Mr. Frankilton, from Pecos, called to see me and I was, unfortunately, out. I hope, however, he will return after the General Assembly adjourns.

We have had continued sickness in the family, which has taken a great deal of my time, and now a sister-in-law in the last stages of consumption.

I hope your family and self are all well. Can't your wife organize a Ladies Society in Denver, by giving only 2 or 3 cents per week as the Methodists do? Every little helps. Remember me kindly to her and believe me

Yours truly,
Julia M. Graham.

Wyoming,
Cheyenne, May 17, 1870.

My dear brother:

We looked for you last being very anxiously. Mrs. Spencer and myself were at the train both Friday and Saturday. When you came through here, won't you try and spend a day or so with us. Sunday is possible.

My wife's case came on Wednesday last. We praise God for this open door. Our prayer now is for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Our church was completely filled last Sunday evening with some attentive listeners, and I so said the Divine presence was here. We have been received very kindly by all. Synodical with our church are rising up in every direction. Men who never were known to attend church before have even that far to over service.

Have not heard from you in reference to a railroad ticket for Great River and Park Springs. I have thought of spending two weeks in Evanston and every third week going to O. R. and F. S. What do you think about that arrangement?

The Methodist church will be dedicated next Sunday week, the 21st inst., so shall close up our church here and go

to Crown River.

Many thanks for the papers received at different times. Hope you will not grow "weary in well doing." Please send one copy of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian to F. T. Van Patten, Schenectady, N. Y. He will be delighted to get it. Enclosed please find fifty cents.

Mrs. Cooper unites with me in kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

Affectionately yours,
Thomas Cooper.

Canon City, Fremont Co., Col.
May 18, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We (and by we I mean the resident pastors) began special meetings here on the 2nd inst. and they will continue at least through the present week. There have been some conversions and several persons are now inquiring in reference to salvation. The interest manifested by the public is steady and deep. The house is full of people every night, and though many are disposed to raise objections to the meetings, some on account of the excitement, some on account of the hortatory character of sermons, etc., etc., yet the attendance is large and on some occasions there are evidences of profound feeling. One great lack in the prosecution of the work has been the want of consecutive pulpit efforts, adapted to convince the more solid minds in the audience. There is in one night a discourse resulting in solemn and strong impressions, but the next night a discourse is perhaps given that entirely fails to enlist the attention of reasoning persons. If we could but have had an effective sermon every night, the results of the meetings would undoubtedly have been very considerable. A number of children have been converted, and several young men and women. No persons of middle age or in advanced life have yet been hopefully renewed, though many such have shown that the Spirit has been powerfully striving with them. The preachers have alternately managed the meetings, each respectively in the house where he preaches as pastor, and each for a week at a time. The new Baptist man (Rev. Lewis) was the director for the first week, then the Methodist man (Brooks), and now it is the Cumberland pastor's turn. I do not know whether I shall have the managing for a week or not, but I think it improbable, unless you can come here. I am very desirous that you should come, so as to be here on Saturday next (May 23rd). Then we can carry on the work for a few nights in our way, and I know well that if it can be so, many who will never let themselves be won over to Christ in the present course of operations, but

who like the Presbyterian says of doing things, will be induced to accept salvation. I think that if you should come we could gather some solid persons into our church, who have long been almost persuaded to become members. Do come, if by any means you can.

I expected to go to Fair Play to spend last Sabbath as well as Saturday, and sent word to that effect, but the coach (which it was expected would be put on) was not put on and has not been yet.

How was it in regard to the singing books meant for Fair Play? Were they included in the lot sent here? I wrote to Mr. J. M. Paul, asking if any had arrived there, and he says none have come to hand. Rev. F. S. Clalland, of the Western Presbytery (and who was formerly chaplain to the Tonoka Senate) is here camping in company with some immigrants that expect to settle in this region, or somewhere up among the mountains. He is a good man and preached a heart-melting sermon to-day at the Cumberland House. His locks are silvered by age, but I should think he might do a good deal of service yet.

I will say you what you advanced on singing books when you reach here.

Accept the kind regards of my dear companion, who would be glad to see both you and yours.

Hoping to receive a line by return mail, I remain

Yours ever faithfully,

J. D. Bell.

Fort Collins, Colorado,
May 20th, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir:

Yours, through Brother Patten, was received yesterday evening. The draft for \$52.00 just came in time to meet a want. I am grateful for it and will thank Dr. Crawford for his kind remembrance of our cause here.

We are about to put up a temporary building to hold services in and that can afterwards be converted into a parsonage.

Brother Thompson when last here got into a difficulty with some of the Trustees. I hope the matter may not be of serious injury. We will do all we can to have Brother Patten remain here.

I have sold out, but will not move back till August or September. I want to see our church enterprise here on a sure basis before leaving if it can be. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the little ones.

Yours Fraternally,

W. T. McAden.

New York, May 22, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 7th and 13th instant are before me. I have noted contents. How suddenly Brother Lamb passed away. How soon his work was done.

Sylvanus we have thought it best to send to Kansas. Kansas has four vacancies to Colorado one.

I wish you had told us two or three things; First, what is the name of the man at Blackhawk, the Congregationalist? Second, I am a little afraid you have located Robb in a malarious country, which is just what he wants to avoid, but let him try. As to Cayman, we have no man yet and we are almost discouraged. We need and would have a young man. I am happy to inform you that we have just secured a man, Rev. H. B. McBride of Chicago Seminary, a friend of Welch and Shell, for Piche. He is well recommended. I think he will do well. Lewis and Court are here (Sellingore). Lewis brought a very fine specimen for Mrs. K. who is with me. We thank you and your good wife for kind thoughts of us as to the Silver Wedding. We made account of your fifteenth anniversary.

We are having a pretty good time here at the meeting of the Assembly. Friction on Benevolence, Finance and Pastoralism. You will see particulars in the papers.

Please tell me in your next how Hughes appeared. Will he be well enough to preach? I was afraid he was not well enough to go, or to do anything if he did go.

Yours truly,

H. Merrill.

Fort Collins, Colorado,
May 23d, 1873.

Brother Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I wish you could make it convenient to visit our place. I think our cause requires it. Brother Thompson selected lots for building that I think ought not to have been selected. This cannot be remedied now. There is a provision in the deeds that if a stone church is not ready for occupancy on them in a year they must revert to the Colony. He made arrangement to put up the frame of a building and inclose it 22 x 30 feet, to be used for the present for preaching and subsequently to be converted into a parsonage. I do not see where the money is to come from to do all this. My own judgment is that from one to two thousand dollars might and ought to be saved. I think the temporary church

ought to be dispensed with when the main building commenced. The cheapest church we can erect to look well and be lasting is the one that ought to be built. That would be a frame with one course of brick. The three would be the width of a brick outside the frame and the length of one would reach to the inside and would be the thickness of the wall. The plastering can be done on the brick and it will then appear to be a brick building. I believe this kind of a house can be put up and paid for, but an effort to carry out Brother T's programme will swamp the county.

The personal quarrel we got into by taking things into his own hands has injured us. All this is "inter nos." I pray that you may be able to come. My heart yearns for our success here.

Yours fraternally,

W. T. McLean.

New York, May 27, 1875.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I am expecting before long to send you some books for the missionaries. We have also a writing desk, rather large size, which if it would be useful to some missionary, should be glad to send with the books. I know that such articles are not generally used there; still I thought perhaps some missionary might make it useful. Will you please write me word whether such will be the case, so that I shall know if I had better send it?

Wishing that you are well, I am

Yours truly,

Leander F. Whistler.

Please let me hear from you soon.

Golden, May 31st, 1875.

My dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of yesterday is received and I shall be very glad to see you and Dr. Sample when he comes.

I offered my resignation last Sabbath, to take effect as soon as a successor could be obtained, and requested the congregation to come together to-morrow prepared to vote its acceptance and appoint a Commissioner to presbytery. I requested Brother Brown to insert my resignation as one of the items to be acted upon in the pro-nata meeting of Presbytery, and he replied he would do so. So the door is open for Dr. Sample or any one else whom the Lord will send.

During these pleasant days I gain in physical strength slowly, but damp and cool weather, or rather weather that is cool with dampness, makes me feel worse again. My throat is obstinate and will not get well. I do not expect ever to preach again. The Lord's will be done. I hope to have my voice restored ere long, so that I can sing the praises of God without weariness or pain. Blessed day. Let it come.

Affectionately yours in Christ,
J. S. Smith.

P. S. Give our kind regards to your family. We enjoyed your short visit here with Bro. Jackson the other day very much.
J. S. S.

Our Sabbath School has had another windfall of fifteen dollars from old friends west.

Missoula, May 31st, 1873.

My dear Mrs. Jackson:

I am going to write you a few lines on business. Have you disposed of that lace mantle yet? If you have not, will you let me have it? You can send it by mail, I think it is not too large. I will send you a P. O. order for the amount.

I have opened my school in Missoula. I have twenty pupils at five dollars per month per scholar. I like it so much better here than I did in Pioneer. I often thought while there of Mr. Jackson's remarks, "you can stand it for a few months, but not longer. You will find it rough, but it will do you good." I think it did humble me a little and has prepared me for living in almost any style. I saw a side of life I never saw before. I feel thankful every day I am away from the place.

I received Mr. Jackson's letter a short time ago and will answer it soon.

Mrs. Smith is well and very happy. She is the most prominent and useful member of the church in Deer Lodge. Everybody looks up to her. They are building a nice house. Jennie is with her. She taught four months in a mining camp and then concluded the sacrifice was too great to bear it any longer. She regrets that she ever came to Montana. I like it quite well, it agrees with me. I weigh 155 lbs., have gained 25 lbs. since I left Pennsylvania.

I wish we had a church here. There are very few members here. Dr. Melice's family has left Missoula and gone to an Indian agency about twenty miles from here. Mr. Cunningham has gone to Bozeman.

There is a W. P. lady coming here from Pittsburg, Pa. She has a sister here (Mrs. Kennedy) who will join the church when there is one. Mr. Kennet of Helena is to be here soon to live. He is one of Mr. Downell's members. He is a young man, but will have a wife soon. If there was a minister here, I think in a few years we could have a good congregation.

Enclosed in this I send part of a letter from Cousin Emma. It contains so much Rochester news that I know it will be interesting to you.

Remember me kindly to Mr. Jackson and the little girls. Please let me hear from you soon.

Affectionately your friend,
Helie P. Sims.

Longmont, Col.,
June 3d, 1877.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Doubtless you will be glad to hear from us, and so I will write a word or two.

When we arrived I announced that I would preach the coming Sabbath, not knowing that it was Rev. Beach's day. However, on Saturday he sent me a note inviting me to preach for him and I accepted, having a full house. Last Sabbath the audience was about as large. This Sabbath (20th) I propose to preach on the St. Train and the following one here. There are two reports concerning our Congregationalist brethren: one is that Rev. Beach will hold on until a successor arrives, and another that they propose to give up their organization and unite with us. They have called on us, and of course we know no difference in our treatment, or in social calls between the two denominations. All seemed very glad to have a minister and gave us a hearty welcome. I design calling on all the families in town and endeavor to induce them to attend some one of the services. I have looked after the church lots and things look all right, but I will tell you about this when I come to Denver, which will be soon.

We are boarding at the St. Train, but I have rented a small house for \$12.00 a month and sent home over a week ago for bedding, etc., so that we here soon to be in "our own hired house," which contains two rooms below, and a shanty kitchen, and two unfinished rooms above, in a rather chaotic state.

Our friend Mr. Stewart of Pennsylvania, has been on and bought some land and will move out this fall with two other good families. He will be a great help.

What can I buy a map of Boulder County. Such as you
 want in your study? I must have one, as I want to know all
 about my parish and please suggest that may need preaching.

Mrs. Hanson joins in kindest regards to you and
 Mrs. Jackson. You will get glad we hope to see you out, the
 latch-string always hangs out for you. In haste,

Yours fraternally,
 A. D. Hodgson.

Fort Collins, June 3, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I scarcely have had reports to make you concerning
 this field. Looking as it is a Missionary Field, I see nothing
 particularly discouraging. On Sabbath morning the Court
 house was very full. In the afternoon the congregation was
 not so large, partly I think in consequence of the hour of
 service, 4:30 P. M. Putting all things together, I think the
 field is rather encouraging, and one that in the near future
 will yield a fair return for any amount of work, no matter
 how large. I am of the same opinion as Brother Wadsworth, that
 you and others make a visit here as soon as possible, the
 sooner the better. They are looking for a hearing from the
 Synod from the Western Seminary. As soon as we can I could
 advise that at least he be sent here for a Sabbath, even if he
 should not think of settling at this point.

There are some things that had better be raised
 over than written: it will be more satisfactory.

I shall probably go down to Denver on Monday next.

Very truly yours,

John Peterson.

Golden City, Jefferson Co. Col
 June 4th, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
 Denver, Col.

My Friend:

Having received from your letters to Rev. Smith and
 Dr. C. D. Smith, but more particularly from the latter of the
 latter, that Rev. Scoble would be here on Sabbath the 15th
 inst., I proposed to go to Central City on the 14th; but act-
 ing on the suggestion of Rev. Smith, that it would be best to
 ascertain whether there was any certainty of Rev. Scoble com-
 ing at that time, I address you this postal card, which is
 the first one I have yet used. My best regards to yourself
 and family. Cordially, Frederick B. Kelly.

Fort Collins, Colorado,
June 9th, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Yours of May 30th has been received. I am not sure I can answer your questions.

A minister here ought, I think, to have a salary of \$1200 a year, at least. I think with a small family he could live comfortably on that amount. I do not really know how much can be raised for the support of a minister here. It will depend somewhat on his popularity. The trial has not yet been made and I suppose will not be till a pastor is selected. I think four or five or probably even six hundred can be raised. This is conjecture on my part and I may be deceived. I think this point should be recommended to the Board for \$300. This is the amount that Treely was recommended for.

Brother Thomson preached four Sabbaths here, two while I was in the States and two since my return, one of which I had to preach for him in order to get him to come. I think it would have been a blessing to our cause if he had been here long.

So far as I can hear, Mr. Patterson is liked here. I think him suited to the place. I wanted Mr. Armstrong to have the matter tested whether the congregation wanted him as their pastor. He thought it better to wait till the Autumn when he is here. Patterson is a respectable preacher and a good worker I judge. Will send the church plan.

Yours,

W. F. Nelson.

June 10, 1877.

Dear Friend:

I am very sorry not to have seen you when here. I had to go over to the Ladies' meeting in Brooklyn the Thursday you called. Would have tried to be at home if I had known you would come. I am peculiarly situated and perhaps you may have heard that from a failure of my husband's investments, we are utterly stripped. Our furniture and paintings have all been sold, and now we are left without any means whatever. I trust that our Heavenly Father will be with us and enable us to bear this great change in entire submission to his will. It is hard to bear, but we cast ourselves upon His love and tender compassion.

One reason why I was particularly anxious to see you was to ask you for names of Home Missionaries who are needing boxes. We had several applications for names and they could

not supply us at the level. We are also very anxious to in-
crease our work. I think you might suggest
some way to add to our missionary force. I firmly believe
that in union is strength, and if there are any icons or
places where you think religious work is needed, we will do
our best. We have appointed Mrs. DeLoach, 60 E. 57th Street,
Secretary for New York, with an assistant, Miss Anna H.
Carrington, 10 E. 40th Street. As I am leaving about a month
and a half by whereabouts not quite settled, I shall have a box
of letters to be received all our letters. I want to carry on
a very successful prosecution of our work and trust you will
give us some. I will write at once to my lady or nearly
you and suggest the best way to bear.

I am sorry to hear by your letter and from other
sources of the dissatisfaction of the ladies. I am sure we
are doing our very best. The young ladies who are
Mrs. DeLoach's sister, is also doing her best. I think
Miss Cindy, tried very hard to do another sentence, but with
these times it was impossible. We ourselves have not been
able to raise our usual amount for New Mexico. I had twice
disappointed. Mrs. DeLoach says we have held some at Santa Fe.
I believe, but we have not done there that we have done for
the. They have a house without rent, for which we paid. We
had a tin roof on at \$700 afterwards paying it in install-
ments of \$100 each to Mr. Smith who was the advance when it
was made. We by the purchase we started to again to re-
place it. Through our difficulties they have had missionary
houses, the first a very valuable one from our church. Now, do
you not think these things ought to be taken into considera-
tion? I would not have you think we are doing this work in
the country, I have the utmost respect for you, and wish you
would be able to do what you would like to do to my satis-
faction. It is very glad to hear of Mrs. Smith's work of
the ladies in general. You are very kind. Mrs. DeLoach's
sister is Mrs. DeLoach, at Mrs. DeLoach's or Mrs.
DeLoach's. The ladies in general are doing well, and
Mrs. DeLoach, who is a very kind hearted woman and taking no salary as
before her father. Mrs. DeLoach also speaks of the ladies ap-
pearing to be in good health and very successful. They are
all very kind. To be sure, we are doing our best, but their
satisfactions for a year and a half are all the same. Now, I
am leaving, and I am going to go to the ladies and
beats feeling, and to justify ourselves and that you may have
facts. If my father is a comfortable man, I am sure
you will be right to be sure, and I am sure you will be
able to do it. I should be willing, the best order in my power
to do it. I would willingly see you for \$100, and will if
possible see you. You know Miss DeLoach's name. Now
I am going to fill Mrs. DeLoach's place at Santa Fe
and I think you will be. Is any good news? A good one
is that we are doing our best.

In regard to the... of your... Mr. Coyne, father-in-law of... at Fall... offered to provide a... if will be the means of saving...

Truly yours,

W. C. ...

W. C. ... June 20, 1877.

My dear Brother:

Your kind note came to me... I am glad to hear you were to have been in Central last night. They will have a supply for your... leaving I expect to be there again.

I feel utterly... I have not with... on one of our... you and I together... the other I return... spent a... aid from Dr. Saylor... and Dr. Taylor... provided next year... Campbell, Logan, ...

Truly-- If all the... and Central... to work? The third... The pastor resigned yesterday.

Affectionately your brother,
W. C. ...

P. S. Hold Collier open to you can without... turn. I have some horses that...

W. C. ...
June 12, 1877.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your letter from Brother... I feel his... of you, and supposed it was... will...

The D. C. P. was... on... at such...

of your assistance to us. I have secured the use of an or-
gan and will play for us. Music has been our great need
in Seattle.

Yours truly,
J. T. McAdan.

Fort Collins,
June 15, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Camp Preiner:

Your favor was received on Friday evening. On Sab-
bath evening I went to the home, Longstrong and Wilkins. They
expressed themselves as rather disappointed that Mr. Fink had
not come in according to my expectations. After
talking over Mr. Matter, they thought it better to delay the
congregation and take an expression as to whether they would
invite Mr. Patterson to come as a salary for a year.

I accordingly read a part of your letter to the con-
gregation and invited them to remain after service for this
and other purposes. The vote was unanimous to invite Mr.
Patterson to occupy the pulpit for one year at a salary of
\$1000.00. I accordingly wrote him in reference to the action
and sent the letter by the hack driver to have it mailed on
Monday by Cassidy.

I went down to town about noon to-day and found
them quite a feeling in reference to the action of yes-
terday. They all admit that Brother Patterson is a good man
and a preacher. They find objections to him as a man, by judgment
is that a few of them supposed that some of us had conspired
to put Patterson into the congregation and feared that they
would not have the credit of it. One thing is sure, that
their objections were an after thought. Some of them now the
most interested in their appointment had previously told me
that they would be entirely satisfied with Mr. Patterson. I
will say nothing and let God expand their gap. In the mean-
time if it is possible to do so, I would think it well to
have Mr. Fink come and spend a Sabbath or two here. I sent a
telegram to Cassidy to be forwarded to Mr. Patterson not to
come until he would hear from me. I have just finished a let-
ter to him, saying that in my judgment under existing circum-
stances, he had better write the congregation a letter declin-
ing the invitation. I do not think this people will be likely
to secure the services of a better preacher.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the little ones.
Yours fraternally,
J. T. McAdan.

London

June 17, 1877.

Mr. Jackson.

Dear Sir:

Your letter in reference to our communication sent to Foxman was received. It has not yet reached there and we had give it up, although two years have elapsed since we sent it.

I am sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Foxman. He is the best fitted man I ever saw for the field, thoroughly educated and unpretending, - the ideal, I think, for a western missionary. He had a fluent tongue and a fluent pen beside. He is at Knoxville, Iowa, recovering his health. I think God sent him there, for he has done a noble work. There has been a revival there since he has been with the people. He spoke well for the western fields when in Carnovic, and is a fine man, as well as a good preacher. So much for him; may God bless him.

And now I have written for a poor minister, or missionary, who really needs a good box of clothing, etc. To get it by the way of the coast of Ireland. To do so will cost me a good deal of money, but I will try to do it, but one word more, and I will send you the amount of the box so you can get a good box. The box will cost 10 p. Hamilton did us good to send me word of its arrival. The letters that came to me were all from you. You recommended him to us, you remember. I had to get some of our work done on these papers. They are now waiting in your office and need their box when it is ready. Will you give us a word, etc., habits, eyes, etc., and so on.

Your friend in the work

R. W. Lee Ryan,

President of the Society.

Grand City, Col.,

June 17, 1877.

Rev. Thelton Jackson,

Dear Brother:

It was a considerable disappointment to me to be separated with the presence here either of yourself or of Brother Hamilton, as our present communication. I do not know why he failed to get in on time, for I have received no line explaining the matter. But the occasion took place and it was an occasion of much comfort. I received into membership six persons, all of them adults but one, and all of them

on profession of faith. This is much better than either of the other churches have done, in gathering up the results of the late special efforts. The Baptists received eight, but they were all quite young, some of them I fear too young to realize what they were undertaking to do. They failed to gather in any adults. The Cumberland brother received only one, and I have not heard of the Methodist brother receiving any. Mrs. Loyd (the landlady of the Canon Hotel) and her daughter are among the numbers received into our ranks. Mr. Loyd will come in next time, and so will several others. Had you been able to be present and to give our cause a little special help, we would undoubtedly have secured several more, in addition to those that I took in. Come down as soon as you can and we will have a good time. You can live at our house while you remain. Why don't you bring your wife down to Canon and let her enjoy the Fair Springs, etc.

The people throughout our county are to vote on the fixing of roads to secure the finishing of the railroad on Saturday. The County raised \$100,000 in bonds, before they will vote on the road from Logan (eight miles distant).

Enclosed you will find a poem for your valuable paper. Please have the proofreader carry a steady eye when he shall correct the proof of it.

I shall endeavor to go to Fair Play next week. It has been so fearfully rainy lately that I have not ventured to go anywhere southward.

Please let me know when the new man is to take charge of that part of my work. If he is there already, I ought to know at once.

Yours affectionately,
 Jean D. Hill.

Cazenovia,
 June 13, 1873.

Mr. Jackson,
 Dear Sir:

I received your kind and interesting letter which was read to the society and gave us a clear idea of your work on the frontier. We are holding support one of Mr. Roberts' assistants at Teos, New Mexico. The account in your paper of the work is not very encouraging and I fear I will not be able to keep up the interest in that mission, although we had a very interesting letter from Miss Clott and I cannot help feeling we are doing a good thing. It is very hard to create an interest in a field where we see no results, still the servant of God must take for example some of those old missionaries like Judson and do as he did,--wait years for the result.

We sent according to your direction, quite a valuable box to Mr. Cooper, Ivanston, Wyoming Territory. We hear nothing of it although it was sent more than two months ago. Our people are getting a little impatient to hear from it. We do not think it can be lost, as your directions were followed perfectly.

I am expecting Mr. Frackelton to pass the Sabbath with us. We shall hear all about Montana from him.

With kind regards to your wife, I am

Yours truly,

E. W. Ten Eyck.

In behalf of our Society I write hoping to hear soon from you again. Thanking you for your good letter, I am
Your co-worker in Christ.

Salt Lake City, June 19, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter some time ago. Endorsed and forwarded recommendation to the Board. Did not write to Roberts about Corbin; was afraid he would be disappointed when he would get there. If you can pick up a man, send him out for Corbin.

I was at Alta Sunday a week ago. School is getting along as well as could be expected. He needs to be encouraged. Think he is better reconciled. Bingman Canon is boiling over. Think I will go over in a couple of weeks. Will you be out "second Sunday of July"?

Regards to Mr. Jackson.

Your Brother,

Joseph Welch.

Missoula, June 31, 1873.

My dear Mrs. Jackson:

Your letter and the cash were received Thursday evening. I am very glad to get it. I was afraid it could not be sent through the mail. Enclosed please find a P. O. order for \$17.00. \$1.00 please send to Mr. Jackson for the R. M. Presbytery.

I find it difficult to get clothing such as I want, in Missoula. Everything is very high. I sent home for a hat and quite a number of small articles. My brother brought them to me.

I am getting along nicely with my school. I have

eighteen pupils. I am fearful about a christian school being sustained in Missoula. Times are very dull here now as soon as the public school opens every body will send their children there-My school is the only one now in the place-I have all the children that are old enough to go except some who are too poor to pay tuition. The Sisters are about opening a school here. Mr. Higgins' (the most prominent citizen in Missoula) wife is a Catholic, but he sends his boys to me.

Tell Mr. Jackson I will do all I can to keep the church together until the Board send a Minister. The Southern Methodist Minister has left and they will not send another here. Mrs. Childs told me she would unite with the Presbyterian as soon as a Minister came- Mr. Jackson met her. Mr. Iliff does not know yet whether or not he will return to Missoula, if he does I think the Board had better send a Minister this fall.

Mr. Iliff is a good man and a good worker- but for some cause has grown unpopular with those out of the church and there are but few go to hear him preach. He offended the people by his plain talk and they will not support him. This is a hard country to do any good in- I do not wonder at Ministers dreading to come into it.

I am sorry to hear your Aunt is so afflicted-please remember me to her.

Remember me very kindly to Mr. Jackson and the little girls. I am always glad to hear from you. I will visit soon all the Presbyterian ladies and report to Mr. Jackson.

Affectionately Yours,
Katie P. Sims.

Central, June 30th. 1873.

My dear Brother,

There are several weighty reasons why I am anxious that you should spend next Sabbath (July 6th.) with me at Central-

1. You have not preached here for a great while and the people are getting impatient to hear you-especially as you did not preach for them during my absence, though they confidently expected you.

2. We are making vigorous efforts to shoulder that church debt. I think we are going to succeed; but we want all the encouragement and backing that we can get. I think for your own sake, as well as for that of the church here, you had better come up at this crisis and show them how willing you are to help them. I want the Central Church to be your staunch friends and I tell you faithfully now is the time more than any other to secure them. If the plan we are pushing succeeds and this church is put on a firm basis, it will be one of the most influential in the territory- "A word to the wise and etc"

3. Next Sabbath is to be our Communion and we expect a joyful

time. It will be a most happy time for you to be here.

4. Your coming will be a great relief to me as I have had the process of acclimation to undergo anew and find it very trying, especially in speaking.

5. Last and not least I am anxious to see you and talk over some matters.

Have had good congregations since my return.

Please let me hear from you speedily

Ever Yours in toil and love,
J. G. Lowne.

The Congregationalists expect Mr. Jerome next Sabbath. Rogers was suggesting to Deacon Bagster the other day (subrosa) that the Congregationalists unite with the Presbyterians, have one church free of debt, and take for a pastor your obedient servant-

J. G.

Ft. Collins, Colorado.,
June 23rd. 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson-

Dear Brother-

Your was duly received - I read it to brother Armstrong and - It did not seem to effect much change in their feelings- They still persist in the statement that brother Finks was most positively promised to Ft. Collins- This I believe is the fact-Mr. Thompson gave them the fullest assurances on this point and went so far as to arrange for him and lady- He may have done this without authority, but the impression he left was that he was bishop of Colorado and his promises were received as equivalent to certain fulfillment -

I insisted on the above named brethren stating the facts of the case to brother Patterson- They would not do it, but did not put in an appearance at services yesterday- After service last night I detained Mr. Patterson and told him just how matters are- He asked me what I would advise him to do- I had no advice to give him, but told him what I would do in like circumstances-I can not but regard the conclusion as wise- He would have little prospect of either comfort or usefulness.

There is no present prospect of having this point supplied- Could you not arrange to have Dr. Sample come here- He, I hear, has gone to Golden for the present- Would not brother Patterson suit them and let Sample come here- He would I am satisfied suit here and be instrumental in making this enterprise a success. There have quite a number of Presbyterians come in this spring.

We ought to have the Sacrament of the Supper dispensed here and the names of all Presbyterians gathered up and enrolled- Could you not arrange when you come in July to dispense the Supper here- I would like if you can that you arrange for

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for the first part of the month as I want to start with my family
on a trip among the mountains the middle of the month.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours fraternally,
W. T. McAdam.

Idaho, Colorado, July 1st, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Commission has come, but dated June 1st. We
had a good meeting. Brother Rankin preached well. Had three
accessions to our number, one Elder. Have since elected him.
Next meeting we will elect two deacons. Since we have made a
raise of one dollar and twenty-five cents we are enabled to buy
a few postage stamps and can write you a letter of thanks for
your box of books.

Well I cannot tell you how thankful I am. Every time I
think of it I feel to say thank the Lord. If we can only get
a bell and an organ--and above all the blessing of the Holy
Spirit.

May the Lord bless you and yours abundantly for Jesus sake
George Rice.

To The Board of Church Erection of the Presbyterian Church in
the U. S. A.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren,

We the undersigned Pastors and
(only) Elder of the Upper St. Vrain Church (Presbyterian) do
hereby respectfully make application to your Board for the
aid to the amount of \$1500.00 (fifteen hundred dollars) to
assist us in building a House of Worship at Longmont, Boulder
Co., Colorado.

We would state for your information that Longmont is the
chosen location of the town of the Chicago Colorado Colony--
that it is situated in a fertile valley--that in all proba-
bility there will be a population there of fifteen hundred
souls within a radius of two miles in less than two years--
that it is confidently expected by many that Longmont will be
the County seat of Boulder Co.--that a railroad now runs
within eighty miles of Longmont and that the wealth of the
County is advancing.

Baldwinsville, N. Y., Aug. 31, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have received and noted what you say about Female Home
Mission organizations.

You will have seen before this Dr. Cyrus Dickson, who has
doubtless conferred with you about it.

We will confer together when he comes home.

Yours truly,
L. Kendall.

Fairplay, July 2nd. 1873.

Brother,

I write you because I suppose you will want to hear from us, by this time. First, we are in our new house which we more properly call a "shanty." battened all around yet but the roof has sheltered us through one severe hail and rain storm. It cost me about \$85.00 so far. Our furniture came safely last Saturday. We looked for it very anxiously, for it was hard keeping house without it. We moved in last week, Tuesday. Received a little lumber the Thursday previous and commenced the foundation. They think it pretty quick time to put up a house in three days. The goods shipped from Auburn namely- One organ, and two boxes of books, came at the same time. The sewing machine and two boxes are yet behind. I shall look to you to urge them on. Freight on 3 articles to Denver 620 pounds was only \$31.00 About the sending of the remainder by Mullen, I do not know. He brought in full bill. I have been to see Mrs. Paul and it seems it was only what she thought that he would deduct. Maybe he will, but I am uncertain. By ox teams goods are brought for .011/4 I think. Little longer still can wait a couple of days more. Do as you think best only I wish they would get along soon. Have not seen the plan you were to send. Am getting now for one first just a little leisure. Finished a book case yesterday. A subscription paper is about to be circulated After a little will agitate church erection. Methodist are to build this fall. Heard Buckner a week ago. Such a shouting and wandering and etc. and etc. No wonder, as many say, that he is unpopular. Last Saturday evening I had a good audience and some remarked about the character of audience being superior. Had some 25 out to Sun. Sch. Fairplay is a bad place to live in many respects. Everything dreadful high. Paid at the rate of \$4.00 per. day at hotel. I should be discontented if I was doing any other work than the Lord's. As it is there is so much need that it makes it just the place to live in. Should have preached at Alma last Sabbath, but it came near burning up. Preach in two weeks. Snowed here 1st. of July. Dust that sweeps across here is very disagreeable. Tell us about Mr. and Mrs. Robb. Do not know the address of "Interior." and "Evanbelist." Do you not suppose you could get them cheaper for me, a missionary in a foreign land? Want such news much. Papers you sent gladly received. There is but little good reading matter about here. Your extra paper will be well disposed of here. Mrs. Finks sends love to Mrs. Jackson. I have sent for more money. Have not paid for lumber yet and money- only \$2.00 left. Have not paid for stove \$40.00 ^{paid} \$5.00 on trunk.

Write me soon. Daily mail Yours Truly,

D. E. Finks.

P. S.

Built my house by the side of Mr. Minter's, so have the kindest neighbors. Mrs. Paul's lots did not prove to be where she thought they were. We are much obliged for the selection of goods. Carpet looks warm and cheerful. Have oiled our black walnut so it is as good as new.

Fort Collins Lorimer Co., Col.
July 5th. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I could not conveniently go to Cheye on first Sabbath, but on the Sabbath following I can easily make arrangements to go. I supposed, from some reports that reached me, there was a man on that field.

I will ride over on Saturday 16th.

It seems to me almost impossible to tell what shape matters will assume here. One thing I think is becoming more evident, namely, that the congregation will have to do what it ought to have done before - elect a new board of trustees, and then there may be some hopes for the erection of a church building. As it is the present trustees seem determined to thwart every endeavor to procure a house for public worship and every measure for the promotion of Presbyterians. I think however that this state of feeling will die out of its own accord if no notice is taken of it. I have not yet learned what the trustees determined to do at their last meeting, but they learned the completion of the temporary church was by the order of the board, and since that so far as I know they have been keeping quiet.

Very truly yours,
Joseph Patterson.

Alta City, Utah,
July 7th. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver, Col.

Your card of the 2nd. Inst. came to hand a couple of days ago. I was glad to get it. Think the date you mention will be most suitable for your visit.

Matters look encouraging and I think we will be ready by that time for a more decided advance than has yet been taken.

The Camp is unusually dull for this season of the year. But it is likely that a couple of weeks more will give it a very different aspect.

The snow is about gone, and strangers are trying to flock in. Hope you will be able to stop several days when you come.

I am sure you would find it both pleasant and beneficial.
The weather is delightful.

Your brother in the Lord,

J. P. Schell.

P. S.

Thanks for the papers.

Sabbath-School Department.

Presbyterian Board of Publication,
#1334 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia, July 10th. 1873

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dender, Col.

Dear Sir,

We have \$17.12 for which you are at liberty to draw on Dr. Schenks for Sunday-School Visitors Lesson Leaves and Presbyterian at work for Schools in Colorado provided you will write a note of acknowledgement to Presbyterian Sunday-School- Menistown, N. J. P. Hoffman Superintendent through me. It must go to Colorado and we want a note from you or some person who can write a sprightly in behalf of the children of Colorado- to the Sunday- School at Menistown.

Will you accept this little commission and give as the Correspondence?

Yours hastily,

J. B. Tyler.

Taos, Taos Co. N. M. Ter.
July 14th. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dender, Col.

Mr. Editor.

Dear Sir,

The Rock Mountain Presbyterian reached me quite regularly I think for several months at any rate. I wish to say that I commenced a school here about the first of May with five pupils. The prospect was not particularly flattering owing to the unfavorable season of the year for a new enterprise such as this. The planting season when every little ray is made use of in herding sheep or dropping corn or something of the kind and also as there are two schools of old standing one conducted by the Sisters for girls and an American school taught by an American. Notwithstanding however, all these natural hinderances, and a full share of Catholic prejudice and superstition our school has gradually increased every week more or less until we have on the roll

14 pupils, and the average attendance for a month past has been nearly 12. I have one young man who takes of his own choice the New Testament as a text Book and has already learned to read it in English quite well.

Our school is fast growing in favor with the people. The people have among them already gived over \$100.00 to furnish seats and desks tables and etc. for the school. One man entered into a written agreement to let me have a good large free of rent for the first year, on condition that I open an English school, and make whatever repairs the house may need for my own accommodations. The repairs perhaps will cost \$50. I have also the privilege of renting the house after this year as long as I desire by paying as much rent as any other will give.

But two or three Americans have given or promised to give anything as yet. The strenuous efforts of the opposition to the school are seemingly having less influence each day.

I can already read the Testament somewhat in Spanish and every Sabbath I read the same to the family of an old man who seems quite familiar with an old Bible which I learn he had had for many years, and from it's appearance he has read it a great deal.

He seems very much pleased to have me continue my visits every Sabbath. None of the family can read except the father. Sometimes he is not there. The family then are all anxious to have me read to them.

I expect to begin religious services in Spanish the first of Oct. Many of the people are looking to that time with much interest, that they may attend the preaching of the Boar. They have become dissatisfied with the Catholic services and seem to desire a change.

They have also asked me most earnestly for religious books and tracts in Spanish. I have sent on for a box of the same. We feel encouraged. We have a delightful field of labor. If you will send that communion set to Kit Carson in care of Chick and Co. it will reach this place within a short time. We are all well.

Yours truly

James M. Roberts.

Las Animas, Bent Co. Col.
July 14th. 1873.

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I know you have not forgotten us, for the papers you have kindly forwarded, have shown us this again and again; yet I have been looking for a letter from you every mail since you departed. Possibly I misunderstood you, but our impression was that you would write ou immediately on your return, telling us about the R. R. prospects at Carson

and also in regard to prices on the list we gave you. Have not written sooner, partly because expecting to hear from you every day, and partly because of the fact that I wished to report on my trip to Granada. I had intended going there the Sabbath after you left, but all through the week I heard such reports as to the newness of the place, hardly yet getting started, that I gave up. On Saturday our paper came out with a letter extolling it wonderfully- an exaggerated account for which the next issue apologized. This account however, determined me to go down and see for myself what the prospects were. To save expenses, I went down with Mr. Leech, who was to bring up some goods from Sargent for me.

While I was in Granada there was a special car came there with R. R. officials, from whom and from Mr. Brown of Chick, Brown and Co., I obtained all of the information I could. After getting all of the information that I possibly could, I had to form an opinion as to the probable future of the place; it is, however, only an opinion. So long as it remains a railroad terminus, it will have considerable traffic- after freight once begins to pass that way, Mr. Brown said he did not expect much business in the forwarding line, before next Sept. After the place ceases to be a terminus, I hardly think it will be of as much importance to the R. R. as Las Animas is with out it. The temporary nature of the information being prepared for the forwarding houses, indicates only a brief stay there. Mr. Brown is interested in the town-owning half, they say- but he did not talk to me as though he had any idea that it would be a place of permanent importance. I particularly noticed that he did not even commit himself by expressing a positive opinion to that effect. Of course he talked differently to me from what he would to one who was desirous of purchasing a lot. He was quite cautious, still, he was cordial, offered me any assistance he could render, invited me to call on himself in their house so soon as they got settled, for any facilities they could afford, and seemed interested in any thing that augured well for the present or future morality of the place. As to present appearances of the place; I found one grocery store in a tent; two restaurants and one hotel- very temporary and small buildings; a number of saloons, and small buildings in course of erection, which are said to be intended for business houses. The landlord told me that he knew of no family in the place besides his own. He was raised in a Presbyterian family. His wife is an Episcopalian. Both were very cordial and offered me the use of their dining room, provided the depot should not be completed when I came to hold services. The landlady is a real lady, and I was much encouraged to meet her. She has worked with our church in other places and will cordially assist us there. I made no appointment definitely, but told I expected in a few weeks to return, and would probably arrange to preach for them every two or three weeks. Mr. Brown said he thought

the plan would hardly begin to take shape before Sept. I think Mr. Jones from Topeka made no arrangements for services, and gave no promises, so far as I could learn. I will try to keep footed as to the progress of the place, so much for Granada; would write more, but it would both on your time and mine. At this place, almost everything has been at a standstill on account of indefinite and conflicting reports in regard to the R. R. from Carson. Today we have what most persons consider reports that the laying of the tract has actually been let, work to begin on the 20th. Inst. It is still uncertain whether the river will be crossed at this point, or above or below. Efforts are being made to take it away from us. The citizens hold a meeting this week to see what can be done to secure it here. Until this point is determined, no more improvements will be made. Mr. Peck has been waiting from day to day before beginning that house for us; and I hope it will not be begun until he knows the road will touch the place. We have been unable to get any place to keep house in, though have been on look out constantly. Our goods have come and we could take possession of one any day. When that longed for day will come, it is impossible to say. We have changed our boarding place, but, as my wife says, it was "jumping out of the frying pan into the fire."

Mr. Wright's boarders left, and he kindly offered to take us at \$15.00 per. week. Without knowing ought about the place, we accepted. We nearly have not as much privacy as at the hotel. Still, they are very kind, and I judge they aim to do the best they can; only it seems hard to be without fruits and vegetables, except a very limited quantity of canned articles. Have not tasted a potato even for ten days - save a raw one which I picked up at the depot last week. I peeled and ate it with relish. Well, I didn't intend running off into a complaining strain. Yesterday I preached twice to good and attentive audience. The M. E. man has been here once. I think we have to stand completely. If the road touches this point, we will aim at once to build. I think the first church built will be very liberally aided. Am becoming pretty well acquainted in the place. Think I have the friendship and confidence of the business men - the better part of them. Mr. Stewart thinks I can get half fare on the coach line. Have made somewhat extended inquiry as to cost of keeping a team. and do not really believe I would be able to bear the expense of it, with the salary promised me; even though the team should not cost me a cent. If I can get half fare to Granada, it will cost no more than the expense of keeping a team, probably less. If you can help me to part of this, I perhaps can get the balance by collection at Granada, What do you think of it? I have no place for 6 team, either, and don't know when I will have. Could not think of taking my wife along with me, she is rarely over the effects of the ride from Sargent. Was so seriously unwell while I was gone last week, that they thought

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they would have to send for me. I slept in and under the wagon while away. Encountered the severe storms. We are both feeling a little better than at first arrival; are becoming acquainted and interested in the people, and they somewhat in us. The people at the Fort are very kind, though we see very little of them. Please write me at length, anything you have to say by way of advice as to work or either here or at Granada. Mrs. R. joins with me in kindest regards.

Your Bro.,
E. D. Robb.

Taos, New Mexico.,
July 15th, 1873.

Taos, Taos Co., N. M.,
Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I wrote you on Monday about seats for school purposes. I was in great haste and did not reveal all that was in my heart. Our little town contains perhaps 1500 and there are quite a number of small alleys within three miles, so near that most all of the same way of thinking, a very large church might be built up, perhaps there would then be room for more than one congregation. But all are Catholic. There is however a small minority who desire to have their children educated, and they are entirely dissatisfied with the priest and the ignorance in which they keep the people. These are giving me encouragement, and are now supporting the school very nicely. Though one of their leading men and most intelligent men they have asked me to get the language as soon as possible and preach to them with the view of organizing a church at no distant day. They requested also that I would not begin to preach until next October. As they are, some of them, leading politicians, I presume the latter request arises out of the circumstances of the election being in Sept. I have the more readily complied with this latter since it gives me the opportunity of learning something of the language in the meantime and in which I am succeeding very nicely. I can already talk some and they tell me I read the Testament quite perfectly. I have one family which I visit every Sabbath to read the scriptures. That seems singular the man is the leader of the most radical Bentinites, yet he has a Bible and is quite well read in it, and takes delight in my reading the Gospel with him. We are becoming more and more attached to the people and trust they to us, every day. Sir.

this reason and many others, I feel like holding on to this field and cultivating it as my own work.

I was sent by our F. B. M. to this district understanding the Government should pay me \$600.00 per. year for teaching a school for the Indians as part of my salary. But I have been hindered from establishing said school, by the opposition of the Bishop and Priests. And as the matter stands, I can not ask the Government to continue my salary, its part of it, and the last assembly directed the F. B. to turn over to the Board all missions in T. N. M., except Indians mission. I can not therefore expect the F. B. to continue my salary. My only alternative is the H. B. but I am a stranger, but little known, and I do not know that the H. B. will our support. May I not ask you, dear brother, to intercede same with the Board? Another matter I desire to bring to your notice. (On last Sabbath Mr. Pitman was here and expressed his desire to establish an Episcopal church at this place at an early day. Would it be politic for you to suggest to the Bishop the impropriety of our two denominations overlapping each other in this little village, especially as there are so many little points just now needing a missionary. It grieves me very much to think of two little missions here struggling for a mere existance, when one might soon be self supporting. Make this suggestion act in the matter as your better judgement and experience may suggest. We are all very well and in good spirits. We had 18 pupils today have names on the roll. May I not expect to hear from you presently.

Yours Truly,

James M. Roberts.

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Columbus, Neb., July 16th. 1873

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother;

I have for a long time been reading and enjoying the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian and have so far neglected to thank you for it. We prize it much.

The people here would be interested to read something about the church organized here in 1870. I was in Madison one week ago last Sabbath, and preached to the new church and to a large and attentive assembly. The new organ and chairs furnished excellently and all things seemed quite complete. Bro. J. B. Lony preaches to them every Sabbath morning - the S. S. meets at 8.30, preaching at 11 A.M. Bro. Lony has a homestead four miles on the Norfolk road. At Columbus we have twenty seven members. But we are much limited by the

the congregationalists and the Methodists and while we have the best church and best prospects, we are sometimes much discouraged. I think I shall seek a new field of labor next fall, and I should like to go the mountains, Have you a place for me? My friends say I have greatly improved in my ability, and I am sure that this is true. And I have learned much here that will be useful in a new field. I should like to make another start and remain for life in my next field Good judges say that Belmont is the best church in our district, Columbus next and Madison third. No one is better supplied than mentioned. Columbus expects to become the State capital next winter. or the winter following. We have a very pleasant home here and my relatives will remain. But I think I could do more for the Master in a new field. Thanking you for all your kindnesses.

I remain,

Yours Truly,

M. Wilson.

Boseman, July 17th. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir;

In the absence of husband and daughter it arrises to me to write a word as of a favoe of you. We are expecting soon to send for a teacher from Ohio and could or would you promise for us or for the school a half fare ticket to be sent to Tronton Ohio? Miss Hattie Herdman or if provided soon and sent to Mrs. Brittender she could send it to her. Mr. Frachilton has not returned yet and I coule not know of an item of news by the time we might h opd to get one of your old time, heart cheering hope inspiring mission- We may have some itums of interest to communicate and the folks at home to say we don't like card letters. Bro. Fvehh sent us one too. Ever remembering with true regards and un-failingfriendshif the most good and comfort we have received at your hands and through you influence,

We are all of us,

Your very true friends,

Mrs. M/ A. Brittender.

23Center, July 19th. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Please send us list of all the persons on your field to whom you wish the annual report sent. We will have it forwarded to them from the office. Give as wide arrangement as possible omitting the minister sent from here, already sent to them. Will you give your early attention to this, desirable to have them in the hands of the friends as soon as possible.

Most Truly and Fraternaly Yours,
Mrs. Dickson.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Denver,
Colorado.

Home
23 Center St., New York,
Jult 17th. 1873.

Dear Brother Robb.;

We are glad to hear from you and of your safe arrival in your new field. I have written to a Sunday-School to see if I can not get some help for you in the matter of a team to pass from place to place.

We have added \$200.00 to your salary, Making \$1000 and if the people will then give \$300.00 it is more than the young men in Montana get and your cost of living certainly cannot exceed this. We shall hope to hear from you often. Let us know how your health is and how you like the field.

Yours Truly,
H. Kendall.

Proche, Nevada
July 21st. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Your letter come a week ago. I am at fault, but must plead some indulgence on account of circumstances. As to the ease of J. G. Hutchins, I approve that you have found him, and do nothing until this morning, when in answer with your request I went to M. Travis. He will make inquiries and let me know the results. I have noted the facts in enclosed and return it. My field here is grand in many respects. After my first sermon, I told Mr. Egbut that I would not have come could I have seen it be-

fore committing myself. This is true no doubt. Yet I am realizing that it may be the most fortunate year of my life. It is like throwing a boy into the water; if he succeeds in getting out he may be a swimmer, if he drowns he is soon done with a world in which he was too timid to eat.

I am proud to do particular work in order to have any advise. Of course this will develop any capabilities in that line. May be amount and at home would have remained so. On Saturdays I go to Bulhinville 12 miles away and preach at night. Last Saturday I called on a man sick with chills, in a boarding house. I walked up to him: with: How are you? - Pretty night, isn't it? The fellow was laughing in about half a minute, and told me about having the chills down on the Chickahaminy. He mistook me for one of the mill hands, but was just as well pleased at all appearance when he learned my true calling. --- Since beginning this I have had a call from the Episcopal minister; - with whom I got to maintain most fraternal relations. I have many good families to work among altogether, am notified that the next few years will be well filled, even if orders should be to remain here.

As to results, I suppose I am inclined to rest and hope. But I do not think we can look for results in the same form as at home. I have to get people out to church - Work up the choir, and Etc. They take hold well; but of course we have to first improve until the under tone has been acquired, and they may be expected to pull after a while when they find that it is good to help in such a cause.

Fraternally Yours,
H. B. MacBirch.

Cooperstown, New York,
July 23rd. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;
Dear Brother;

I am very happy to enclose check for \$200 in redemption of my pledge in aid of the Presbyterian church Rochester Minnesota. The Lord has placed the sum in my hands from a source that I did not recognize as available for any thing. I trust you have succeeded in providing for the complete relief of the church in question and that the Lord will reward you for it.

Very Truly Yours,

Sabbath School Department.
 Presbyterian Board of Publication,
 1334 Chestnut St.
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 July 25th. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Yours received. Will forward the supply as you direct. You did not give the name of the Green River lady support. nor what she needs. Do so if you can and often Please see that the Sunday Schools write to Mr. Erdmans Sunday School Morristown N. J. I have the impression that we have lately aided the Sunday School at Green River .

Yours Truly,

J. B. Tyler.

Boulder, 7/27, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Your favor of July 24th. is before me- accept my thanks for your knidness. My little churches are prospering well. The Congregational Church at this place has offered us their house to preach in until we get a house of our own. Brother Thompson, their pastor occupying one Sabbath and I one. Isn't that good of the church that was so much opposed to us at first? An article in the Advance 17 Chicago came near spoiling this arrangement but we are assured that no citizen of BBoulder wrote it- that it is not the spirit of this church, but that they as a church entertain the kindest feelings towards us.

Brother Honeyman and wife made me a visit since you were here and we enjoyed a ride up the canon. I am going down to see him this evening and arrange for a trip to the middle Park. I was much pleased with him and his wife also- Dr. and I are acquainted with quite a number of the same people.

Your brother in Christ,
 J. E. Anderson.

Binghamton, N. Y.
July 28th. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;
Dear Brother;

Your letter was most gladly received. Your teacher was quite animous in voting that the collection be sent to you. We much regret that it is not as much as we had hoped it would be. It is only \$22.05. We pray God's blessings may follow it, and make it do much good. It is the sum total of the schools promised for two months. As I said in my former letter, we are young and not wealthy.

I will also add a little of my own private funds for another purpose. I have received your Rocky Mountain Presbyterian for the past half year. I like it much. It is just what we need in the territories, but I have other religious papers and do not so much need it as some of our brethren in the West. Accordingly will you please discontinue sending it to my address and send it to one of our missionaries free and let this pay for it to him. - Again you say the Sunday-School children there never see the Sunday School papers. Would a bundle of them be of service to you, if we should send them to you?

Hoping to hear from you again in due season and praying God's blessings on our little offering-

I remain,

Your Brother,

G. M. T. Johnson.

P. S. Enclosed find P. O. order-----	\$25.00
From the North Presb. S. S. for missionary-----	22.05
From myself for Rocky Mountain Presby.-----	2.95

\$25.00

G. M. T. J.

Fairplay, July 3th. 1873.

Bro. Jackson;

Glad I do not have to copy plans. Stein, an architect lately from Denver, has estimated the cost of church 30 by 50. Plastered all through, with parsonage finished 3300. Suppose he would put up good building, but is regarded as pretty high, in price. Have submitted it to other men and shall hear their report tonight. Fine prospect of R.R. and so guess there is no doubt about the expediency of building church. But as I understand it, we are not organized

as a church yet, because no letters have been received. There are only two that have letters as yet. Have spoken to R. Chappel and wife to get theirs, also to Markotts. Think it's not best to organize with too small number. There are two brothers at Alma by the name of Austin who are good live Presbyterians. One is in ill health but brother Joseph A. Austin has assisted greatly in organizing a Sunday school there of 30 members. He don't know as he will stay long, but still he remarked that he thought th at he could do more good here than in Mo. Suggested to him, that he get letter and join us and so become our elder. Chappel might not like it, but he is too worldly, can't get time to attend churchout once since I have been here, and is not any too honest in deal. I write to have you suggest what to do about organizing. Can't I organize with out a public manifestation and receive those only who have letters and if I can, get an elder ready and elect him there. Then at regular communion receive others on profession. It seems to me that we should have an organization as a nucleus before we comence on guilding. See you have entered names on book as if members, but no letters received. Only 4 of the 8 here now. Received our new Sunday- School Banging books and with my organ in church yesterday practiced. Last evening I played organ, preached and also lit up church. Had good attentive audience. Preached at Alma twice. Have received many papers from you which I keep circulating. Received Sunday School Visitor 25 copies, this morning and 3 copies of Presbyterian at Work all free gifts.

Fairplay is not as lively as it has been. Stein built your public school Do you know of him? He is building Mrs. Pauls 4000 house. Received a letter from Mrs. Robb. Think we are better off than they. Don't know as I will be able to settle with you before Sept.

How long should elders be elected for? Can it be for one year?

Yours Truly,
D. E. Finks.

New York,
July 28th. 1873.

Rev. Jackson,
Denver, Col.

My dear Brother;

Your favor with map or

itinerary, is here. I do not now expect to start to Colorado until late in the summer.

I will not be of course in Denver, on Sabbath Aug. Brother Brown was so kind as to write me to preach for him I will only feel able to speak on hold meetings in behalf of our cause. I will write you or telegraph when I expect to be in Denver.

Accept many thanks for your kind invitation to visit your house while in Denver. Your hospitality must be very largely taxed.

Do all you can by pen and tongue to awaken the church to the great mistake the last assembly made. We are failing in funds.

Most Truly and Fraternaly,

Yours,

Cyrus Dickson.

July 28th. 1873.

My dear Friend;

I perceive that six weeks have gone by since the date of your last letter, and they have been very busy ones to me, so that I can only hope that the absolute necessary work was attended to. I had a letter from Mr. Wykes the new minister at Santa Fe and he is quite anxious that a new church should be there. I have heard from other sources also, that the present one is in a disgraceful state want of repairs and Etc. and that there is but little hope to build it up, as it stand at present. A good piece of the property belongs to our Board, but a piece was bought by the Foreign Board, to save a law suit, as by some mistake, the building stood partly on the other piece of land. The New Mexico is now in the Home Board and in the Foreign Board would sell to us their part of the land for what it cost them and then the whole would vest in us. If we could retain lot for church and school and parsonage and sell the rest at a price that would pay for these, with what the people could raise themselves on church, do you think it would not be advisable to do so? I suppose the old buildings are good for nothing as they are, and would bring but, small rent, and the property is for the good of the church and the cause.

You need not say I wrote you about it, but as you have been there, and know all about it, I would like one word from you when you have time. I am glad to hear of the settlement of so many new ministers- To think that poor Mr. Clark was so

soon and sudenly called away- He would not give a pass for a poor minister to preach the gospel along the line of the W. W. I know two rich young men who are going tomorrow, who have free passes where they like. I made three appeals unsuccessfully. I can only feel that I did wh at I could. I am sorry that you have not been able to get up any Auxilary eci ety, but trust it will come in time. Perhaps if you send u s the name of some lady we could write her and so get one sta rted, if it only brought in \$5.00 Every little helps and beg- inning grows.

I am still in the city though I feel much worse by the heat and work. The sister of whome I wrote you was biried two we eks today. She has been mercifully taken from suffering, but leaves four little ones.

Very Truly Yours,
Julian M. Graham.

Penblo, August 1st. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

I wrote you some time ago relating to a box of clothing to which you made me a very kind responce I feel some embarrasment in regard to sending on to you the necessary preliminaries for a box . My situation I will state and have you to act as may seem best for the matter. I find our church quite diligent in the matter of conduct- ing their finances. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Irvin are splendid at talking. The latter represented to me last year that the matter od salary was one which I might have my mind free from care relative to. I accordingly trusted intirely to his word and made no inquiry relating to money matters until I heard Mr. Hughes complaining of the in responding to the demand from him for \$200.00 which he had advanced for me. On learning that the money was due him I gave my joint note for \$200.00 and drew the money out of the bank and paid hem. This has been settled and I supposed the church free from debt when to my astonishment I found Mr. Louthier had an ace- count against the church for over three hundred dollars ad- vanced to me. Mr. Irvin was told to call on Mr. Louthier when I was in need of money which I had done supposing that of co urse as treasurer of the church he was paying the funds of the church. Thus matters stand. The actual amount which the church contributed to the support of the gospel was but \$500.00 for over a year. I have given up the matter entirely into the hand s of the Lord, but feel that the actual neces-

sities of life I shall be dependant upon the Board and some thing that I can do for myself out side the ministry. I am pained to say so, but never the less obliged to do so. I am very much interested in the field- I am constantly receiving members- I think we have now about fifty on the roll. I would like your counsel in the matter. I do not wish the Board to give more. They give enough and the church could if they would do the rest. It is not a poor body, but they lack push and energy.

Yours in the Gospel,
W. E. Hamilton.

Fort Collins, Larriener Co. Col.
Aug. 2nd. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

I scarcely know what report to make to you concerning the state of matters at Collins. Our communion I think was the most spiritualless I have ever been at. I suppose the state of my own feelings had some thing to do with this conviction, as I find it is not shared in by all.

The state of matters here at present is any thing but encouraging. The sabbath before our communion, we were locked out of the Court House, I think unintentionally, though some think it was the work of the trustees, the intention being to force the issue in church matters. I believe ther is no foundation for such an opinion, but the result of it, the lock out, was that I announced at preaching in the afternoon, the only time we could have the school house that the Armstrong would meet any persons who were willing to contribute to work of enclosing the temporary church at Monday morning at the building. We held our service then on Sabbath morning, but had to take the school house in the evening as the church was not finished. It will not be ready for occupation all the time.

The intention of the majority of the trustees was to change the location and take the building down into the old town, and the consequence is that they are not in very good humor about the building. Their intention was not to do any thing towards procuring a church building before next year, and now they are threatening that the money spent on the temporary building will have to be refunded. This however I look upon simply to scare Mr. Armstrong and Mr. and it won't work. The only thing I fear is the state of feeling manifested. I fear it will work against the interest of the church, by retarding it's progress. But I

must confess that, that the attendance on Sabbath morning did not look very much as if my fears would be realized, and I am not without hope that the Lord will make the work of man praise him in this matter. I feel very much discouraged at present.

The above of course is not intended for any but yourself. We had only two of an addition to our communion. Both by letter. Others that expected to unite did not have their letters of dismission, but will unite before long.

Very Truly Yours,
Joseph Patterson.

Laramie, Wyoming, Territory.
Aug. 7th. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Enclosed please find the courts letters I have given him all the information I can, and it needs higher authority.

I fully believe he may be procured, and if any one can build up our cause he, with the blessing of the Lord can do it. As Dr. Dickson wished me to work up a man for chairman, I will write to him telling him all I know of his adaptedness to the field.

In haste-

Yours Truly,

F. L. Arnold.

P. S. I know you are prompt and will look after Court at one
F.L.A.

Evanston,
Aug. 7th. 1873.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Dear Brother;

I have been trying to write to you for some time, but you know how it is with one situated as I am. I sit down many times to write and some one

comes and I have to leave off, but I am glad of this opportunity, I have indeed appreciated your kindness in sending your valuable paper, for many times my heart has been made lighter by reading it, and I have cut out of a paper an expression of a brother one who I do not know personally, but I feel as though we were linked together by a stronger tie than this world can give- Oh that we had more like him on this mountain top to proclaim to the world Jesus Love, but dear Brother we must pray on that God will send us more earnest laboures for this part of Zion.

Mr. Tooley was over to see me yesterday she joins with Mr. C. and Mr. Smithin sending our kindest regards to you and family. May God bless your labours and when done below may we meet above to crown Him Lord of all. There we shall be free from all toil and sorrows. I have always taken your paper after I had read it to my school and gave it to one of my schollars, now I want you to send me six copies for a year and I will pay you three dollars a year accordind to your club rates and you must include the one you send me for the extraone, as I am getting up this club for my class, Trusting this may find you and yours enjoying perfect health-

Believe me to be,
Your sincere friend,
Mrs. O. H. Cosby.

Evans, Col.
Aug. 14th. 1873.

Brother S. Jackson;

Through the kindness of brother Wiley I send you a few lines. I have with Mrs. S. made a very pleasant trip through the mountains in company with Mrs. and Mr. Brown of this place, We spent the first Sabbath in Jamestown a little villege of perhapse a dozen or fifteen families. We held services in the evening and had quite an interesting little congregation and very attentive. There had been no preacher in the place for a year or more. The next Sabbath we spent on Balston Creek with Mr. Mc Dui-ton. Mrs. Mc. is a Presbyterian and she proclaimed preaching among the neighbors, the service to be held in the United Brethern Church which is on a cornor of their farm. We had quite a congregation, and all expressed their gratification, so while we were on a pleasure trip we tried to

make it as much so as possible to others. We are all well and getting along as well as we could reasonably expect to. I have my communion for ano ther year. The Board has cut me down to \$700.00 We applied for 800 as the least I could live on with two hundred from the congregation, which if they raise will be better than they have done here to fore So you will see my prespects for living for the coming year are not very flattering. I have not written the Board since and dont know that I shall as I don't know that it would do any good what is best to do? This much is certain, I can't stand the short retwines much longer. The people here have raised nothing their farms and the prospects of raising three hundred dollars from the congregation is simply obsurd. I still have faith in our cause here, if we can get the resources of the country opened u which has to to be contended against. I trust the Lord will make all things plain as to what I should do. My regards with which Mrs. S. unites to you and Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in the Gospel,
Jno. P. Stewart.

Las Animas, Bent Co. Colo.,
Aug. 12th. 1873.

Dear Mr. Jackson;

Last night I had just seated myself to write you with reference to the R. P. permit and dates of S. and P/ when Mrs. R. returned from the P. O. with yours of t the 8th. Inst. I sign the application for permit and return at once, would have done so last evening, but was so wearied with the days labor, that after reading my letters I took a change of work, calling on some new arrivals in th place. Found them to be Methodist and Campbelites. The Methodist have had several additions to their number, and they are now by far the most numerous denomination in the place. M. actual members and those who have been raised in the M. E. church, They have a good members; and if the right man is sent there they will probably be the leading society in the place. unless new comers should change the in favor of some other. If the same man Mr. Stokes- had been returned, I think he would have accomplished but little, as the people seem to have slight regard for him. Mr. E. P. Brooks is appointed to this circuit, so I noticed by the paper. He has not appeared yet though was rather expected las Sabbath. I preached both morning and evening, having a good

attendance an the morning and large in the evening. The Methodist have held one service since my coming, and has preached alternate evenings. I have occupied all the rest of the time, save last Sabbath on week ago. when I was at Granada. Went down on Saturday and returned on Tuesday. In the morning I preached int the new Dept. building partly completed which Mr. Brown, of C. B. and Co. kindly procured for me and had swept out and seated with boards placed on nail kegs. Had an audience of 70 or 80, There being no way of lighting this, in the evening I preached in the hotel a mere shell of a building. The dining room was crowded, and numbers stood about front of hotel. The attendance was very good, and the welcome from the people was warman encouraging Mr. Brown and a few others gave me enough to cover expences of trip. I got half fare on the coach and the hotel bill was half donated. There are no private families with accommodations for guests, or my hotel bill would be nothing, so so me of them told me, They had had no service nor no prospect of any. The invitation to return was repeated by different ones, and I think they will do at least some thing towards paying my expenses. I had intended asking a collection from them in the evening, but in the hotel which had but one room below and one room above the latter with seven beds in it, I heard some people talking about me, and predicted that such a thing was what I came for, so right or wrong, I couldn't do it, and on Monday the Lord provided for me after I had expected to meet my expences from my own purse. While waiting over on Monday, no coach going West that day, I tried to learn some thing about the preference of the people. Found one man in a drug store who had been raised in the r Reform church, but whose family had gone to the Presbyterian That was all the Presbyterians I could find in the place. Found one lady raised an Epis. and I forgct, her husband's parents were Presbyterians. Two ladies who were Methodists, one of whom will be there only during this month; the other probably no longer. Ohrd., Cellar and Co. do business there. As to prospect of the place, my opinion is much as before Do not suppose there is one man or woman that came ther with the opinion of making a home, or who has any intention of remaining permanently. Heard several well footed gentlemen express such an opinion. While the Dept buildings and those for the forwarding houses, are going up there is naturarly some activily in the ;place when these are completed, I think the place will not present much activity. It may do considerably freighting, but that will not make a place of it any more that it did of Carson, and it became a R. R. junction and has an agriculture population around it, when neither of those things can be said of it, it is too far away for me to make an estimate . It may be well to hald it, and I am willing to after it is practicable. Am now in my own house . Have been housekeeping for most a

week; and although two months ago we would have laughed at the very idea of keeping house in such a building, we were immensely glad to get it. It has two rooms each 10 Ft. Sq. with a summer kitchen 8 Ft. Sq., not opening immediately into the main building, but with doors near each other. The main house is an ideal, with a dirt roof, and without a ceiling. The dirt kept dropping, so constantly, that we obtained permission from the landlord to ceil it with cheap cloth, and count it on the rent. I pay \$18.00 Per. month for the mansion with rough board floors and mud plaster. Still, we are thankful and happy in it. I have been so anxious to get a house, so poorly accommodated and so dissatisfied to remain as I was, as though we were settled for the first. I hope now to work more efficiently. Trust you may get half fare permits both for yourself and wife before Pres meets. Suppose the K. P. permit will include the A. K. R. R. between here and Carson. On going to P. and S. will depend on the Board's either giving me the balance on expenses here soon, or promptly meeting the rest of quarters salary. To pay those expenses incurred on board and other necessities in a new place, and to begin house keeping, I have borrowed \$150.00 since coming here; and dare not do more of it, until I return at least part of this. Got every thing for my house here, except a little matting, which I ordered from Topeka. Made a good part of the furniture myself, such as a cupboard and shelves for books and kitchen, substitute for bureau, benches and stools, kitchen table and Etc. Such work has occupied my time for a couple of weeks. while not at Granada. Before taking possession I dug a cellar, and fixed up the kitchen and we hope soon to be quite comfortable. In sending me papers occasionally, please omit the interior, as I take it. Will be obliged for Evangelist or Pres. at your convenience. J. H. Winram, Granada, and Mrs. J. A. Wilbraham, Las. Animous, are of Presbyterian parents. Her health is quite good most of the time. is troubled more with head aches than in any other way, hope it will not prove to be any thing serious. If you can come to see us in going to or from F. , we will be glad to welcome you.

Yours Truly,

E. D. Robb.

A. P. R. R.

Aug. 15th. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

I am on my way to San Francisco. I may conclude to go there. I want to write you a few words about Rev. S. D. Loughen. He was a member of our Presbytery. He was tried by the Presbytery in the spring of 1872 on charges of "Falsehood," "Fraud", and "conduct unbecoming a Christian and a minister-and deposed from the ministry. The Presbytery granted him a new trial- In the fall of the same year the Presbytery the majority of whom were not at the first trial after a most careful hearing of the case found him guilty of all the charges the sentence of deposition from the ministry. He appealed to the Synod which held the charges to be sustained, but deemed the sentence too severe and directed that the Presbytery change the sentence and suspension and seclude from church privileges. As the Presbytery had said nothing about exclusion from church privileges, Mr. Loughen said that the Synod did not lighten the sentence and he appealed to the General Assembly, but did not appear in person or by proxy at St. Louis and so the sentence of the Synod stands against him. Last spring he was sold out under mortgage and himself and family started for Colorado across the country. Just before he started he had a meeting at his house at which certain very resolutions were passed. Among other resolutions declared him "a minister of unimpeachable character". He carries with him a written copy of these resolutions attached by a notary Public. He is excessively pious and an excellent preacher, but beyond question a very bad man. I write you this to put you and our ministers on your guard against him. Before leaving Kansas his family tried to and possibly did join the M. E. Church, and he preached around in country districts. He probably will sail around under M. E. Colors. But however he manages he calculated to do great injury to cause of Christ where ever he may. A man at W. who stood up for him to the last, found when Mr. Loughen had gone that he he must pay notes that he had signed with him for which Mr. Loughen had represented to him had been paid for when due. This will take everything the man is worth except his place. Mr. Loughen was on trial for similar charges before a Presbytery in ILL. and his reputation is the same every where. It is possible that you may know him. I trust he may be prevented from cursing the cause from your discourse as he has in Kansas.

Yours Very Truly,
James Leak.

Fairplay, Aug. 18th. 1873.

Brother Jackson;

I wrote you about three weeks ago on a postal card about B. W. Andrews Bibles which are at Denver. I fear you did not receive it else I should have heard from you. Mr. Andrews offers to give us what we want out of them free of charge. I just noticed that his box of books are advertise in the Rocky Mountain News among the unclaimed freight. Wish you would if you have not already done so, ship them by freight to Fairplay. I could have had R. B. Chappeldo it as he has gone to Denver this morning, but did not think of it. You had better see him if you are at home when this reaches you. He has a subscription paper circulation in Denver for our church office. You can doubtless help him to some names. I have been circulating paper here. Have subscribed over six hundred. Others would not subscribe on account of hard times and uncertainties of meeting it, but promise to do all they can. I am quite certain that between seven or eight hundred can be raised here. We expect Denver to make it a thousand, then to write to Ch. erection Com. preparation then for 1000 more. May give Colorado Springs seven hundred and I think there is three hundred difference in places as to expas. With from 20. 2300 we can enclose it without a fine, as it has been estimated. S. puts it at 2550.00 This church had better be built with foundation for this country instead of posts only in de sign. This will cost 300 more. Complete with parsonage it will cost between 3000 and 3500. But we need only enclose it this fall and as we get funds finish it. Can have place there to hold festivals at least and so raise by concerts and entertainments, considerable during the winter. Let me here from you soon and give us your opinion.

Mc Candlish Bible Supt. is to be here next Sabbath. Have preached at Alma four times and at Dudley. Not many now at Dudley and so at Alma answers for both.

When I (or we) come to Presbytery is it best way to go to Cin. City direct from here or to go to Denver first? Mrs. Finks thinks it's going to frost too much unless we succeed in getting a team extra cheap of an outsider. Some prospects of doing so. If not I'll try horse back. Am getting up S. S. concert for 31st. Hope to make it an attraction to S. S. Children love to come to house to sing. Have also a house full at adults rehearsals. Some doubt about building a new house here. I here it will be hard. I leave it with the Lord. I dislike the idea of putting up anything cheap Mrs. Finks joins me in kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Hope to hear from you soon.

I am,

Your Bro. in the Lord,
D. E. Finks.

Evanston, Aug. 21st. 1873.

Dear Brother;

Mr. Goodman is the Superintendent of Sunday-School at Green River. Thanks for the volume of sermons, they are fine. Our church will be reopened next Sunday after being closed three Sundays for repairs. It looks splendid.

Mrs. Cooper is real sick. I have had little sleep for three nights, attending to her wants.

Faithfully Yours,
Thomas Cooper.

Aug. 24th. 1873.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Sir;

I wish to write you in regard to the Presbytery Church in this place. We have the greater majority of members than any church in town and need an organ in it very much this season. So write you hoping you will put forth some efforts towards helping us. - think a church organ in our denomination will do a great deal of good here.

The other churches the Methodist North and South have only three or four action members in both, the principal the Episcopal church is suspended for a time.

Trinidad.

Alta City, Utah.

Sept. 1st. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

I have been writing our church matters as well as I can. We have between eleven and twelve hundred dollars on our subscription paper, with a fair prospect for several hundred dollars more.

The house is to be 22 by 44 feet, with a for school room and reading room. We hope to have the house ready for dedication on the last Sabbath in September or the first in October. most likely the latter.

We want to make our reading room a means this winter, and am relying on your promises to see it finished for us.

We are doing all we can for money, but if our readingroom is finished it must be by the liberality of others. I have just written to my cousin in Cincinnati for a bell, and I hope to have it in use for the day of dedication.

Our reading room will be about 12 by 22 feet. We could like some new matting for the floor, tables, chairs and paper files. And then we want all the papers and periodicals we can get. Please try to secure those things for us before the first of October- the people expect them, and will most liberally contribute if we have them.

Affectionately,
Your Brother in the Lord,
J.P. Schell.

P. S.

I expect you to be here to the dedication.

Salt Lake.
Sept. 6th., 1873.

Dear Jackson;

I have no half fare tickets on the W. P. and D. P. R. R. and for me to make the rounne trip circuit there will cost be from \$110.00 to \$125.00. I have not got it to spare. I have been thinking the matter all over, and have concluded that the interest in can not interest me of sufficient importance to require the sacrifice. If I could go and return for thirty or forty dollars, I would go. I am sorry to say so, but that is my feeling on the matter. I have a small duty to perform this P. M., the berrial of Mr. Wetzel, Mrs. Meyers father, who committed suicide day before yesterday, by taking poison. He lost all his money in mines, which so prayed on his mind, as to lead him to the fatal act. Mrs. Parson got home yesterday from a months absence in the east. Wm. Elerson addressed last Sunday. the old ones, with Mrs. Thompkins and others in addition. The congregation makes a great flor of respect tomorrow. Dr. W. M. Storrs of Brooklyn is to preach. Dr. Wormer and Rev. Rosker the man they are to have here arrives this A. M. I believe. They will take the Dewey family from us I suppose. Which will be all that- we shall suffer. We have gotten some good members from Kansas City lately.

Kind regards to the friends.

Your Brother,
J. Wheeler.

Henry, Colorado.
Sept. 9th., 1873.

To the Presbytery of Colorado.

Dear Brethren;

We the undersigned members in good and regular standing in evangelical churches in order that we may have church privileges for ourselves and children in our homes, do hereby request Rev. C. B. Gage and Rev. Sheldon Jackson to organize us into a Presbyterian Church; and when so organized do ask to receive and enrolled among your churches. Names and church connections. - O. B. Dunlap, Presbyterian, Lodi. Wis., F. H. Dunlap, Lodi. Wis., John Sennox Jr. Col. Springs, Mary Linden, Lutheran church, Germany, Caroline Lini-back, Lutheran, Bermany, John M. Frew, Lutheran, Germany.

Montana, Sept. 9th., 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

By Postal card you asked-" how are you getting along"? God has been good to us during the past year. So we feel we desire to thank him and take courage. Through your efforts and suggestions, especially, accompanied with like of other brethren and departments of labor, in pious Christian efforts, and our need of sympathy and internal assistance, has brought to the view of our sisters in Christ in New York, in Auburns, in Albany, in Philadelphia and in Alleghany City. Our desire and effort was to commence and prosecute the work of Presbyterian Christians in educating the minds and heart of the daughters of Montana by imparting sentences not only in special science, but especially by Christians example and Bible teaching to lead them to Christ. We had last year in our school, we had seven or eight pupils who would have been in the convent school, if we had not made provision for them. We did hope to have a school building in lots and buildings to Presbyterians this year, but have been disappointed. Rev. Fisk went to the General Assembly and hoped during his travels to secure donations both for the Presbyterian church and our school, but he has been sick and unable to return to his field. By from subscriptions from the city have means to pay the rent of a room for our school for eight months has been secured. We have fitted up the room with comfortable desks and sittings for 22 pupils and our school opens on the third inst. The Bozeman

Female Seminary "Miss Crittender Principal". We can take our pupils into our families as boarders and find places in others in good families. The school has opened with 15 pupils and probably the seats will all be full. Miss C is assisted by a competent young lady, a pupil of last year. By the aid of the ladies of Auburn, Albany, and N. Y. city a piano was procured and shipped from Auburn N. Y. on the 26th. Inst. for the use of the school and Miss C. hopes to have it by the first of Nov. though it must come 500 miles by our lumbering freight wagons.

Our Presbytery on Montana stands adjointed to the 19th. Inst. in Helena. It will be difficult for me to get them and there are but three ministers in the territory including myself. Brother Fisk was recommended, but it is probable he is too feeble to return. I wish we had two more brethren for the territory. I shall try to do all I can in the way of preaching. My health is better than it was last year, but I can not endure much labor. I preach at Wiler Creek the last of Aug. I preached here since and at E. Gallatin school house. The M. E. Church (North) have commenced the foundation of a new brick church here. They have sold the old one - in which Pres. have worshipped occasionally by consent of the M. E. Church. but will occupy it until the new house is completed. A place of worship and a minister is now the outward necessity here. May the Lord direct and bless as is my prayer. Accept kind regards from myself and family.

Yours Fraternaly,

L. B. Cuttiner.

Colorado, Sept 9th., 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Yours of the eighth received this morning. Have just written to Trinidad that I will be there next Sabbath, 14th. The Chaplin preaches in the morning and the M. E. preacher will also be here, so thought best to go there. I preached Sabbath last in the morning announced services as usual next Sabbath, and I would have had the house, but today I went to Mt. Brooks, M. E. and arranged with him to fill the appointment, as he would be here and idle. Sabbath before last, I was at Granada; had good audience, in evening, the largest I have addressed in Colorado. Preached in C. B. and Co.'s new building. They gave me sufficient to meet all my expenses. which was very opportune, as I had to furnish for my fare go-

ing down. Last evening I received a half fare permit on the K. P. road for myself only, no mention being made for my wife. If I hear from the Board this week, I may possibly go to the Presbytery. Will either see you soon or write you soon.

Yours in haste,
E. F. Roberts.

Wyoming Territory, Sept. 10th.

Rev. and dear Brother;

I see by the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian that you have a copy of the American Cyclopaedia for sale. Is it yet sold? Is it in good repair? I would like to buy it at the end of this quarter real well provided it be not then sold. Things are progressing along pleasantly. There is a prospect of a speedy addition to the church. I am making an effort to cushion the church I guess we shall succeed. The building looks splendid inside. A nice piece of prescowing and the back of the pulpit. Looks very nice in it's new dress and Binle cushion.

I would like to be at the meeting of the Synard, but can not afford it.

Yours Affectionately,
Thomas Cooper.

Colorado, Sept. 11th. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

I have been so busy in calling around and attending to some domestic matters that were pressing, what I have not answered your letter, as I desired to do. two or three days ago. Please accept our thanks in regard to clothing but on consulting Mrs. H. I find that we can get along with the salary we have provided it is paid, as I hope it will be. although nothing has been raised yet. I have a letter of dismission from the Pres. in Wyoming, and hope to unite with the Pres. in Colorado next week at Central expect to be down to S when I can talk more freely about this field than I can at present. If there are any items worth furnishing to W. Mt. Pr.

I will forward them, or do anything else in my power to render you a service. Both of us regretted exceedingly that you missed the (proposed) visit from you and Dr. Dickson.

Your Brother in Christ,
W E. Honeyman.

Sept. 11th., 1873.

Dear Brother;

Your letter forwarded us from the city of Asburn, when I was stopping a few days with a friend. I left Home very sick, but have improved in health and strength. It was too much for me to remain in town and continue to preach as I did all the warm weather, I hasten to reply to your letter, as there are some things in it I wish to speak. You ask if we can not organize one school? This would be impossible. We did reorganize over a year ago and could be constantly charitable, as you will see. We are trying to do all we can with what we have. I told Dr. Dickson that whenever he would form a church that if he would let me know we would write to them the best they could do no more. We have always intended as soon as we could, to have a separate school. I have been trying to see Dr. Dickson for a month to talk it over. but he has been so much away. So we are left to work ours alone. I have written in a great hurry, but ever as ever,

Truly Your Friend,

Julia M. Graham.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Sir;

We have been hoping we should have seen you here this as from your notes to Mr. Gordon, I am anxious to have a conference with you. No acution is in my opinion. We are making healthy steps in church and school. Some discord in our music, which I do not feel wanted in my assuring arbitcontrol and I think while Mr. Gordon remains I would be polite. a member of the session to give him entire authority as though he were permanent. In fact of his feeling this delicacy in assuming I prefer more counsel. If you can spare a day with us without serious inconvenience it would be well.

Yours,
Dickson.

Sept. 11th. 1873.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir;

Yours and Brother Hamiltons letter received, we will send the box, but we must take a month to do it as we have just sent off a nice one to Brother Cowley. I hope if I make a suggestion for your paper you will receive it for what it is worth and act as you please upon it. Would it not be a good plan to form out a few very needy missionaries and give their names so that the names of our different societies so that the woman's societies of our different churches could have always some worthy object. Must do some of this kind of work, but don't know just how to where to bestore it. You know how successful the new has been. I have no difficulty, for I can always write you, but as many new. Would not this be a good plan? I only throw this out as a suggestion. Mr. Graham has been making me a visit and addressed our society, and we hope to do more next year. She is a wonder to me she accomplishes so much- The New Mexico letter in the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian is very satisfactory as well as interesting. The part on Chaos I shall read today at our meeting. Will you send your paper to Rev. Martin Kneeland Waterloo, N. Y. Mrs. Graham has just forwarded a paper there that is the pastors name through him you shall probably get some suggestions.

God be with you.

Yours in Faith,

E. W. Langyet.

Wyoming, Sept. 17th. 1873.

Bro. Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Friend;

I have had it in my mind for weeks to write you regarding Bro. Thomas Cooper's coming to Corine. Will state that I formed his acquaintance and found at Winston on Aug. last and heard him preach morning and evening and found him liked and many members of the congregation are very anxious to have him come all this I presume you have heard from the officers of the church, but I wish personally to ask, that if you know the man well enough to satisfy you that he is the right man, to do all you can to get him here. He is the style of a preacher that would fill the church and

enable us to pay off the little debt which is becoming a little annoying to me at least, at the same time I would not urge the bringing here of a man that would not be the best in all respects. I will say again that Mr. Cowley is a fine preacher and would draw a full house even in Corin. We are well and wife joins me in love and compliments to you and yours.

Very Truly,
E. P. Johnson

Bolder City, Sept. 25th. 1873.

My dear Brother;

If you have not written to Mr. Lyon in relation to Red Wing I wish you would do so. Please ask him to give me full information about the place, people, climate and etc. I feel anxious to go just where the Lord wants me, but but am greatly perplexed. I feel as though I could do more good in a place where there are several thousand and be benefited more myself and then I feel as never before, an earnest longing for cheerful surroundings and pleasant company. I suppose I will feel so until I am settled as I hope to be in a few years.

The people of Central would still do anything to induce me to stay. Allow me to preach but once go off on a vacation, or do whatever I wished. But the light air is what I object, as you know, and I don't see just how that is to be remedied.

The attachment between that people and myself is a very strong one. It gives me the heart ache to think of severing it; but the Lord's will be done. I wait with some anxiety to see what will be done at the Springs. I will come to Denver on Mondat to see you.

Affectionately,
Yours in toil and love,
Lowinc.

Colorado Springs, Sept. 28, 1873

Dear Brother Jackson;

I shall not need a box this year; others will need them more. I meant to tell you so when I was in

Denver. I shall be with my church here next Sabbath and therefore I do not care to come up to 17th. St. Yesterday (this is Monday) I secured the names of five to the request of a church organization. and there are two others, sisters of John Lenox, whose name is on the paper, who will present their letter here. My church voted Mr. Lowrie a call for one year, as supply. This was done because the church could do better by him in all probability at the end of a year.

Blanchly says the organization here would raise \$3000.00 for me, and will do as well by another year when they get acquainted.

Love to all,

Yours Truly,

H. B. Gage.

Cannon City, Fremont Co., Col. To
Sept. 30th. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Enclosed find a draft for \$200.00 on Merchant's National Bank of New York city, No. 1197, and signed O. D. Eaton, Treas. Please settle my account at the Peoples Bank at Denver. (Judge Blackburn President) And return the security note which I deposited there. Cancel the note.

Then please return the remainder of the money to me, by draft or check on some good Bank at Denver or at Pueblo. I shall need the cash, so would be glad to receive the amount left as soon as possible.

Our people here have felt some what unpleasant on account of you not writing them. I could have collected some money on the score of the Rocky Mt. Presbyterian if you had come, but could not as the case stood. When you come I can do some thing in that line, but have no prospect in the undertaking at any time before. I am sorry not to be able to do better in reference to the matter; for the paper is a good one. I shall pay you for ny copy. Yours Affectionately,

John D. Bell.

Trinidad, Col.

Sept. 30th. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Denver Col.

Dear Sir;

We wrote to Rev. E. T. Robb. previous to receiving your letter. promising him at least \$200 per year payable yesterday, but have not heard from him yet. We have canvassed the town. Did not call on any member that or person that has been supporting other churches out side of our own member. and have raised nearly \$200.00 It will cost us about \$20.00 per month for the rent of a room to worship in. The citizens out side of the North Methodist Membership has been donated so in behalf of the support of the building of the church. they have become tired of giving that we don't wish to call on them. Many of them will assist us in time to come. Rev. Robb. preached for us the next Sabbath after you you were with us and gave satisfaction I think to all. He appeared to be pleased with our place and people, and expressed himself that his Lady should certainly be pleased with the mountain cenery. We can rent him a house for \$15.00 per month and perhaps less. How soon will our books be here? I will have yours shipped from Hard and Son Denver, that the books can be shipped with them. R

Respectfully and Truly Yours,
A. G. Stork.

Dear Brother Jackson;

The people seemed to feel after the meeting of the afternoon that my action in regard to had been rather hasty and that they had not had sufficient time to determine what they had better do. So they had another meeting in the morning and asked me to suspend my decision until Oct. 1st. it being understood that they would call Mr. Gage if I then finally decided to resign. This that is no doubt, but that I will do. Still by this action I am still over the Church in the same relation as before. And really I had rather go before the spring. I am in a more independent position and you need not tell them that I have fully determined to leave them. I want the people to make me out a good call

and they will do better under these circumstances. It is quite an exchange to make from \$2000.00 to \$1200.00 and they ought to understand it.

Let me know at once the result of the meeting on Sunday. Anderson and I exchange on next Sunday.

Hastily Yours,
J. G. Lowrie.

Great difficulties exist between the two Churches of Denver in regard to name, property and etc. now under consideration before Presbytery; and whereas Presbytery do not wish to anticipate their deliberate decision in these matters, therefore resolved that the simple purpose of making up the records of Presbytery without prejudice to either Church, the Church of which Rev. E. P. Wells is pastor shall be designated in the minutes as the First Pres. Church on 15th. St. and the Church of which Rev. W. T. Brown is pastor shall be designated as the First Pres. Church on 17th. St.

Resolution of Rev. R. G. Thompson carried.

Evans, Oct. 3rd. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

I have a letter today from Rev. John P. Cowkey of Wilmington Del. Pastor of the Central Pres. Church the ladies of which wish to supply us with a box of clothing. They ask for measures of several articles such as boots, shoes and etc. which would be perhaps the most valuable and necessary articles of clothing they could get in the last one sent you. as delicacy forbid asking for such articles which would hardly come in the range of ladies societies work/ I write you and as you if you have not already made any disposition of the list I gave you please retain it, and I will correspond directly with Mr. Cowkey. If however you have we will let the matter rest and I will write Mr. Cowkey that I am expecting a box from another congregation. Please write by return mail or at least very soon. I concur with you in your opinion that we

ought to have a meeting of Presbytery some time this fall. and as any time will suit me and as you have more or less correspondance with the brethren I will leave the matter with you to arrange as to time and place. so you do not go West of Lorome and take into snow bound winter. I have been down 80 miles on the this week. There is the finest farming land in Col. down there and towns are progressing, ditches being taken out and being cleansed and post being taken out. There is to be a large settlement there in fact there is now more than twenty families in a very small of ground. I left on account at Gree City which I hope to fill one week from tomorrow. I am fearful Green City was unfortunate in it's location. Their ditch is a failure. Many of the families will go below on the river. But as I hope to see you soon I can tell you more particulars. Let me know as soon as you determine the time and place of Presbytery.

Yours,

In the Gosper,
John F. Stewart.

Valmont, Oct. 3rd. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir;

I write to inform you that Mr. Campbell has resigned his charge here and therefore we are without preaching for the present.

I think that if Brother Anderson can be released from the mountains and be induced to preach for us it will be the best arrangement that can be made.

There will probably be a meeting Sabbath evening week to consider the matter, and as the prejudices of some of the people are not worked upon I have strong hope for the people here. I would ask you to come up there, but fear to do so for reasons that I will explain when I see you.

Yours Truly,
P. M. Howe

Missoula, Oct. 4th. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Pastor;

Your kind letter dated Sept. 17th. was duly received. Mr. Russell does not prepose spending part of his time in Missoula he only came here per invitation from Mr. Iliff to fill his pulpit while he was absent at conference. He found fault with me for agitation the question of Presbyterianism at this time thinks it best to wait until a minister is sent into the field.

The M. E. conference has sent a very poor minister to Missoula this year. I think it will be a death blow to their church. He is only to be here once a month so it leaves with but very little preaching of any kind and no prayer meetings at all.

I wish the board would send a man to Missoula this winter. We need it so much. There are about as many Presbyterians here as there are at . I am having a vacation at present. I have been taking a trip to Fort Herd Lake. The Public School opens Oct. 13th. They are to pay \$100.00 per month. I run behind on the subscription school over \$100.00 in the four months. By my being here the sisters have been prevented from opening their school. I have all the children and can keep them from attending their school as long as I am in Missoula. They expect to open their school this fall, but will have to depend on their scholars from abroad. I shall feel very thankful indeed to the ladies Board of Mission for the I need them so much. Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson and the little girls.

Respectfully Your Friend,

Cornelia P. Sims.

West Chester, Oct. 5th. 1873.

My dear Friend;

I have just received your letter and it's protested note. I enclose another. I trust this may be of value. I regret to hear of your sickness I hope by this time your strength has been restored. You must be careful about exposures and much effort of mind or body. Our pastor visited

at our house last Thursday. It's object is first the aid of the churchpoor and the aid of church Miss. Mrs. Newkick was in great haste for the missionary and another has supplied this want. Please direct your letter to Mrs. Benjamin Jones, the wife of our Pastor. She has been elected President in my place I resigned, as we expect to remove to Philadelphia in a few weeks. Please send your acknowledgement of the check to me 3919 Chesnut St. West Philadelphia.

With true Christians regards,

Your friend,
T. M. Dickson.

Friday Noon.

I could not mail my letter before going to Philadelphia on account of getting a draft. I saw Mrs. Newkick- She thinks she has just the missionary for us and will act in a few days. then we could commence work immediately. Now I can not delay long enough to ascertain in reference to her missionery, so send me name of one, and if I am provided I will send to her and she must provide for yours.

In Haste,

Your friend,
T. M. Dickson.

I would have a message from her did she know I was writing With Christian greetings to Mrs. Jackson and much interest in your work. Mrs. Alexandra is mother of Col Alexandra at Fort Union, New Mexico. She married a daughter of Mrs. Martin of Ashburn. Mrs. A. is blind. Takes much interest in Missions.

Evans, Col. Oct. 7th. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Got home safely yesterday- received a card asking the results of the Cooper case. We appointed Bro. Welch to report to the Board which I have no doubt you will get as soon perhaps as this. and it will be of more value as it will be official.

We took no action at all The whole case is left in statu quo. We regard him as a young, but unwise and indiscrete man. Perhaps a bad man, but still I could see more of indiscretion and lack of judgement than real. We regard toto let him go on for the present year and then there is no commission made for his recommission again. This will give him time for looking about for another field and a new profession if he may choose. The case is a very difficult one to deal with. and the Presbytery was of the opinion it could not go back on it's former action by which he was received, but are willing to await the action and abide by the action of Synard or any higher court. I hope you may be blessed in your work and find it pleasant and agreeable.

Yours,

In the Gospel,

Mohn P. Stewart.

Montana, Oct. 18th. 1873.

Rev. Mr. Jackson;

Yours of Oct. 9th. to hand in due season, I thought as we received the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian regularly the childrens papers would come the same. Since I wrote to you Bro. Mr. Russell sent the children some papers which was very kind in him, Our family is all well at present, except my second youngest child which is confined to his bed with his spine which has troubled him for over a year. My husband enjoys reading your papers very much. He joins me in sending kind regards to you and family.

I remain,

Very Respectfully,

A. S. Newman.

Las. Anamos, Colo. Oct 6th.

Dear Brother Jackson;

We received two letters from Trinided since I saw you. The first stated that they had circulated a paper from for support of a Presbyterian Minister, with the result of about \$200.00 pabable quarterly, and they would be glad to have me move there and take charge of them. In reply I stated that I would be unable to remove at present unless they advanced me \$100.00 If they saw fit to do so, I would accept their invitation. Have received word in their second letter they are unable to make me the advance; and so the matter stands. Perhaps it is as well, for Mrs. W looked upon it as removing one hundred miles further in the wilderness, and had been threatening to assail you to send us a hundred miles toward civilization. No new developements here. Was definatly located a few miles above us Saturday. The road is not yet completed by four or five miles. Few will go from here for some time. What the result will be in the end yet I can not tell yet. Came home from Presbytery feeling badly, and had to take my bed and keep it for four days. Dr. attended me, and as I was feeling better took us to the house and entertained us five days. Indians have formed ond of the stables. No lives have been taken near this place Cavalry go here and there to see what they are doing, but seem to have no authority to interfere with or chase them.

Mrs. R. desires to be remembered kindly to you. Remember me also to Mrs. Jackson.

Very Truly Yours,

E. P. Robb.

Pioche Nevada, Oct. 20th. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Friend;

A fuller experience has suggested the propriety of at least sending you the option of sending you the names to persons who are running the clothes department of the Lord's House. Although Pioche is a large place the times are hard and are likely to be hard all winter. Our church is not on a perminent basis and people are easily discouraged. Thanks for Rocky Mountain Presbyterian and copies

of exchanges, I will try to get something by way of items before long. Our prayre meeting has been looking more favorable for the last two meetings. But the favor seems to come through some of the Miss brethren and sisters. Perhaps their zeal may kindle upon some of our own members. They have no organization and hope will not have for some time- not till we strike solid ground I send herewith some measurements. Any one sending to this place would do well to consult Mail Express and freight as to cost.

Yours H. P. Macbird.

Colorado Springs,
Oct. 13th. 1873.

My dear Brother;

You may now announce that I have accepted the call to to the Pres. Church of Colorado Springs --I preached to full houses yesterday morning and evening, and feel encouraged to hope for great things this winter if God spares my health and strength.

The people are very kind and cordial. We had a congregation al meeting last night, and I should say thirty stayed which indicated quite an interest for a community like this. I mean to secure a room near the church as soon as possible so as to spare mysely three miles of walking every Sunday. I can't help feeling some what apprehensive in regard to Bro. Gage's going into the mountains- I never knew until the other day that the Dr. considered his lungs weak at all. If t they are he will have to be very careful how he exercises them in that high region. I announced that I would be absent next Sabbath. If you know of any preacher who expects to come this way next Sabbath, please let me know.

Ever Yours,
In toil for blessed Master,
Lowrie.

October 14th. 1873.

Dear Mr. Jackson;

I have been away been sick, had the Evangelical Alliance and a house full, of which you must excuse my silence. I wrote you about a teacher for Station Fr. Mrs. Martin sent me some letters with names of some teacher I wrote to Mrs. Hinsdale about the one who referred to him, and this answer says she may going to be married. The minister's widow would be good, if she would go, but she probably would not leave her children and wants too much money. Miss Hindich of Westover, might be eligible, but don't know where to address her. We would rather get one out West and not have so much to pay to get them to Station Fr. If you know of any one, will you direct them to write to me at once? I was in hope Mr. Hughes would get one, but time is precious and the school ought to be opened now.

Please let me know soon. I have so much business. I write in haste. Kind remembrance to your wife. Hope you are all well.

Very Truly,

Mrs. Graham.

West Chester, Oct. 14th. 1873.

My dear Friend;

I will send your letter to the Denver Miss. Society next Thursday, They will decide whether to take up these Missionaries and will let you know. We have an almost new cloak- much better than the one I am wearing given by a missionary by Mrs. Lewis Brooks. thinking she would have no function use for it. I hate to keep it, till the comforts of other things are forwarded. Will advise the ladies to send immediately by mail to you. Would it be acceptable to Mrs. Jackson I wonder. Ask her to keep it and if no needed by her to give to a missionary's wife, that does need such a winter garment.

I enclose a draft for \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) on the Nation Park Bank, N. Y. subject to your order. It is from Mrs. Lewis (Brooks.) for your aid in your work, just when you need help most. She thinks it may be the last she

can ever do for this cause so near to her heart. She was quite ill Sat. night, but is better again. Direct to me at ill to West Chester acknowledged giving the draft.

Our Philadelphia address will be 3919 Chesnut St. West Philadelphia, but I think it will be a fortnight or more before we can move.

Yours Truly,
T. M. Dickson.

West Chester, Oct. 18th. 1873.

My dear Friend;

The ladies decided to send the articles asked for by your Missionaries and Mrs. Jones has written to the ascertaining some other small articles are needed. She will hurry the work and start the box in two or three weeks. Ought it to be sent by express or freight? Mrs. Jones will forward money to pay for freight or express on box. Any additional articles sent you can give to needy Missionaries. The cloak I forwarded will cost me \$2.75 by mail \$3.00 by express, so it will be sent in the box.

Answer these questions to Mrs. Benjamin Jones, wife of Pastor and not to me. Please acknowledge the \$200.00 sent by Mrs. Lewis to me and don't mention it to any one else.

With sincere regards and in great haste,
Your Friend,
T. M. Dickson.

Philadelphia Address.
3919 Chesnut St.

West Philadelphia.

Evans Col. Oct. 22nd. 1873.

Rev. and Dr. Brother;

The Presbytery of Wyoming have decided

to meet at the close of the meeting .The time for the meeting has passed You are hereby notified that the meeting of the Presbytery of Wyoming will convene on Thursday Nov.4th. 1873. So consider and act with reference to the minister, and congregation at Evanstown. 2nd. The council with reference to the Congregation . 3rd. You council togeth about the general work and the interest of the church matters. in the bounds of the Presbytery. 4th. You receive new members.I enclose Brother Welchs letter which will explain fraft I sent I have taken the responsibility of performing another work I trust the Presbytery will get the support. I have notified all the members as I have you.

John T. Stewart.

Alta City, Utah, Oct. 23rd. 1

Dear Brother Jackson;

I shall be disappointed if you do not get up here this fall. I want you to see our new church. Am expecting the new bell in a few days.

The building is all finished. All nicely papered. I have moved in a small room which was intended for all small reading room, and shall occupy that this winter. Using the large room adjoining it for the reading room, it is better lighted and I think it will be more comfortable. I can be here more and look after things and keep them in order.

If you can furnish us with a good supply of reading matter, I shall try to make the enterprise a success. We need some furniture for the room, but perhaps we can do with what we have for the present. We are in need of a public Bible. Some church Hymn booksChaple Editions are also much needed. Will do what I can to send you a stock of although they come in rather slowly. There are so many here but the mines here pay little attention to the call for them. so but the mines pay little attention to the call for them. so but ~~Hhpemynusapayagathlénagoedthealth.~~the call for them.

Affectionately,

Yours in the Lord,

J. P. Schell

Legmont, Colorado,
Sat. Oct. 25th. 1873

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother;

Yours is at hand and I shall go over to Valmont see what can be accomplished. but I can not arrange it so as to preach there in two or three Sabbaths yet? as I we have communion service and there will be two and perhaps three to unite with us. the 2nd. in Nov. and I can not leave until that occurs. Things are decidedly more encouraging here than when I saw you last. and there seems to be more interest in the service than before.

As I have been careful to have the Sabbath morning service kept up regularly, not even excepting the Sab. I was absent for Presbytery. The people expect it and are more regular than when they were uncertain whether there was preaching or not. The Congregationalist say there is room for one church only here and that they are satisfied with me and etc. so that I have been careful to place nothing in the way, if they really denied union, and if they did not, I was determined they should take the in any movement that looked like separation. They have had several meetings, and there seems to be some uncertainty as to their action, but most probably Mr. Hompkins and Boulder will preach in the hall every other Sabbath evening or else both morning and evening once a month. I shall not announce our own plans until they have made a decision, else they will make it an excuse for securinf Mr. T. and, as I said before, I don 't mean to afford them very much opportunity. Before your letter came I had a conversation with Mr. Russell about preaching in the new school house this side of Mrs. Donns m had written to Mrs. Miller and learned that Mr. Dons wishes and ect. and hoped th go there soon. but must it up, since Presbytery deems it best. since they think it best for me to go th Valmont. The notice of our Longmont s service appears regularly at the Park, and has to appear for some time. It does not appear in the "Inter Ocean" as that paper is printed at Boulder, and the editor has never been seen here by any of us.

With kindest regards from Mr. H. and myself to you and Mrs. Jackson.

Yours Fraternaly,

N. E. Honeyman.

The following letter was written to the Sabbath Schools of the 10th, Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., North Presbyterian Church, Binghamton, N. Y., and Brainard Presbyterian Church, Easton, Pa.; also to Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Dixon, Westchester, Pa., and Mrs. W. W. Phillips, New York, City.

Denver, Col., 1873.

Dear Friends:

Leaving the narrow gauge cars at Pueblo, Col., five travellers were packed into a "Jerkie" stage for a ride of one hundred miles to Trinidad.

"All aboard for Trinidad. New Mexico and Arizona, shout-
ed a drunken driver as he reined his four mules in front of
the Schuyler House at Pueblo. -

Five passengers were crowded into a small two seated coach. One was a Military Officer on his way to a frontier fort. Two were Germans from California on their way to New Mexico to purchase cattle.

A fourth was a ranchman and the fifth your Missionary looking after the interests of the church on the frontier.

Though in August the air becomes very cold before morning, and we were thoroughly chilled through, notwithstanding we had on our winter overcoats.

An uncomfortable stage ride at night is a living martyrdom, may you never have the experience. The rising sun found us on the high pastoral lands between the Cucharas and Apishpa Rivers. Far away behind us - Pikes Peak towered up into the heavens - Seventy miles to the west of us was the grand old Green Horn Mountain around whose side and over whose summit rage so many storms. Before us are the Spanish Peaks, visited by the Spaniards in the 16th century. With base and sides rising in one body of sloping green up one third of their height they there separate into two grand and lofty peaks. All along to the westward, north and south as far as the eye could reach were ranges of rugged foot hills, overtopped by the more distant mountains, whose lofty heights were even then covered with snow glistening like silver in the morning sun, they stood the picture of eternity and matchless grandeur.

About nine o'clock we reached Foster's Ranch, where we took breakfast. Though there are a number of families in that neighborhood, yet like thousand of other neighborhoods similarly situated they are without gospel privileges. Some two weeks previous to my trip a couple of Mexican herders had murdered a family in this community. The neighbors had arrested the murderers and after a fair trial hung them to a tree in a convenient gulch. This had excited the Mexican population. They gathered in armed bands at Trinidad, fortified

their houses, cut the telegraph, threatened the extermination of the Americans and for a few days a war of races seemed imminent.

The feeling and excitement had not yet died out. On Saturday night preceding the organization a row occurred among some Mexicans in a dance house.

Another Mexican was shot one night during my stay, a panic ensued and the report circulated through the village that the Mexicans had risen and were massacring the Americans.

The vigilance committee were promptly on the spot and danger averted. At noon we reached the village of Trinidad. Presbyterians were on the watch for their minister, and I soon found myself among warm friends. Immediate steps were taken to ascertain the Presbyterian strength of the place. Under the guidance of efficient ladies many families were visited, and fifteen communicants were found in the village and several more heard of, who were living on ranches outside of the village.

On Sabbath we held the first Presbyterian services that was ever held in the village and the Christians who had been mourning and praying many months for the privileges of the Sanctuary engaged in the services, with an earnestness and enthusiasm of which you who have never been deprived church privileges cannot realize - What a precious privilege to carry the gospel to the scattered sheep and lambs of Christ's flock - and what a blessed privilege, when you cannot go yourself, to contribute the funds that will send those who can go.

On that memorable Sabbath, the parents were organized into a church and arrangements were made for gathering the children into a Sabbath School.

Very sincerely your Rocky Mountain Missionary,
Sheldon Jackson.

1873.

To the Sabbath Schools:

Dear children and Friends:

The Presbyterian Board of Home Missions has appointed me as your missionary to travel through Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico Territory. Now when you go home look in your Atlas and find where these Territories are. Montana, is far in the north and is full of mountains with beautiful and fertile valleys between the hills. Utah is where the Mormons live. We have two Presbyterian Churches in Utah, one at Corinne, and the other at Salt Lake City. Wyoming is the youngest of all the Territories and is traversed from east to west by the Great Union Pacific Railroad. Colorado is the

territory where many eastern people would like to go. I am visiting the Indians, National Park and Mount St. Helens. The territory is largely peopled by Mexicans, and Indians. A few months ago I visited a portion of the tribe that collected and returned to where it was living. I went to see the top of their six story houses, which were built before the Spaniards came to see some of the Pilgrim fathers in the Pilgrim House. And I went down in their heathen temple, under these houses, to see the altars, the doors in the side of ground floor, set at an angle and with a ladder, then down through a scullie hole, to see the altars and saw the altars where they formerly sacrificed little children.

As I go over these broad territories I meet a great many boys and girls, who with their parents are away from any church or sabbath school and who do not know the stories about Christ to read.

Last summer as I was crossing the Rocky Mountains up in Montana when the stage stopped to change horses I met a Christian mother, who when she heard me say that I would have communion the next day, forty miles distant from her home, regretted so much that she had not known it in time and she would have taken all her children and gone the forty miles over the summit of the mountains where in July a road was dug for the stage through an immense snow bank to have had the Lord's Supper. I had the Lord's Supper. I had so many of these people in the last year I started a newspaper that I could furnish all such people and their children fresh religious reading. The paper reaches at least 500 families that have no other religious reading but the Bible.

Where they are unable or unwilling to pay for it, we give it to them free so that the children can have it, even if their parents will not subscribe for it. Now the \$10. you have sent me through your Pastor, I would like to use in sending this paper to these children scattered through the mountains and away from Christ and Sabbath School. It will send 20 copies every month and reach 10 or more families and 100 children. Just think of it, 100 children will give every month by you. That is blessed work.

Praying that God by his Holy Spirit, will make you all his children, I remain,

Your Rocky Mountain Missionary,



